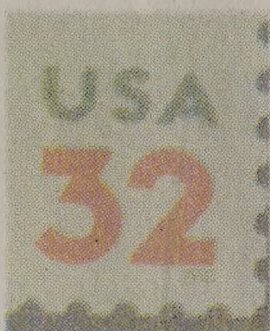


## New stamp

The U.S. Postal Service unveiled its newest stamp honoring winter sports Thursday night. The stamp is the seventh to be unveiled in Salt Lake City.

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## Flying high

Women's basketball beat Air Force 103-60 Saturday, breaking several records in the process.

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## Modern dance

The BYU Dancers Company will be performing its annual Dance in Concert Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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## Nuclear issues at the end of the century

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By KIM KUMMER  
Universe Staff Writer

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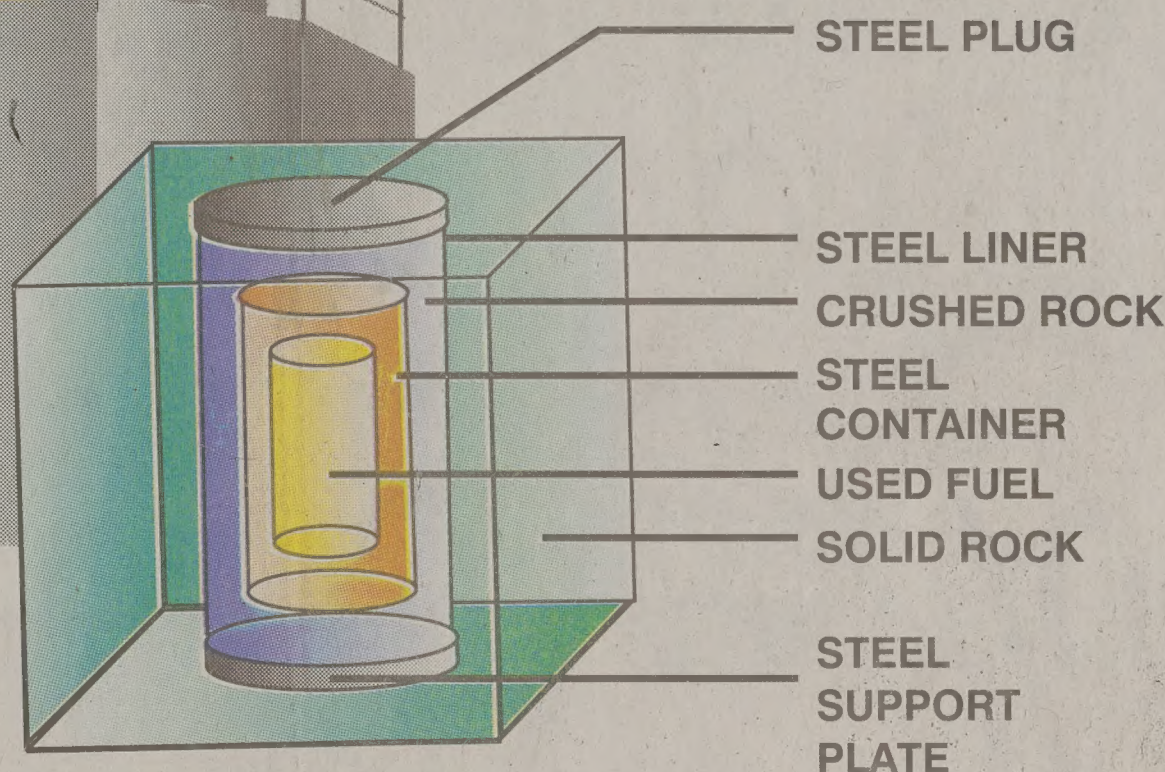
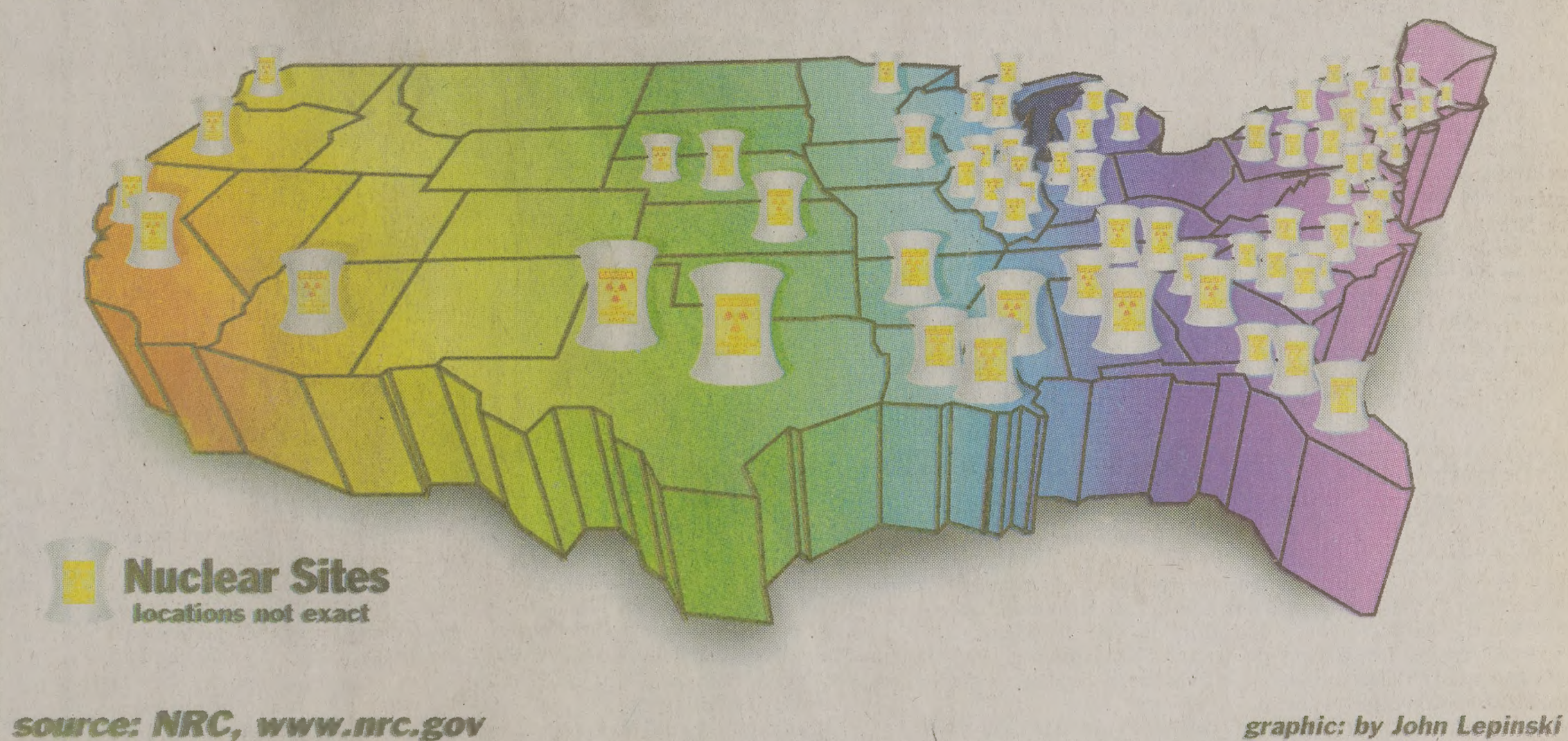
member Board of Atomic Safety and Licensing will earing by touring the proposed reservation site today.

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se who will be attending are representatives of the Skull tes, Private Fuel Storage, the state Department of l Quality and members of the Confederated Tribes of reservation, a cousin reservation that opposes the Skull n.

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## U.S. Nuclear Site Locations



According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, roughly 67 nuclear power plants are operating in 32 states, above. The Department of Energy reports a total of 110 operating nuclear reactor sites. Left, the danger of radioactive waste to human life and the environment necessitates layers of steel, concrete and rock to prevent leakage during storage. Although the DOE plans to permanently store nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain, Nev., waste must be temporarily stored elsewhere until the area is researched for stability.

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East and West Berliners crowd the Berlin Wall following the East German government's decision to open the way to West Berlin in 1989. The wall's fall symbolized the end of the Cold War.

## Safety considered in waste transport

By KIRSTIN WHITE  
and SARAH L. OSTLER  
Universe Staff Writers

Nuclear waste storage has been in Utah's backyard for years, but plans to move the material will drag the dirty feet of radioactive plutonium byproducts right through the front door.

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory concentrates and stores nuclear waste from shipments all over the world. However, its storage areas are almost full, and the U.S. government is researching a permanent storage solution.

"(INEL has) a big over-land building that covers half the area containing plutonium," said Wayne Downs, a professor in BYU's Environmental Engineering Department.

In December 1996, the Clinton administration made a deal with Idaho Gov. Phil Batt, awarding British Nuclear Fuels Inc. a \$1.2 billion contract to process plutonium-contaminated waste at INEL so it could be shipped to a permanent dump in New Mexico.

This transportation, which must begin by May 1999, will run right down the center of Utah to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, N.M., according to the website at [users.michiana.org/greens/editorial/nu-cwaste/ut.htm](http://users.michiana.org/greens/editorial/nu-cwaste/ut.htm).

The nuclear industry claims that the small number of shipments which have been transported safely is proof that high-level radioactive waste transportation is feasible, according to the Public Citizen website at [www.citi-](http://www.citi-zen.org)

zen.org. Such transportation is still a dangerous undertaking.

Idaho legislation H.R. 1270 would reform federal management of used fuel from nuclear plants and was approved by the House Commerce Committee. If passed by the state legislature, it will increase shipments 4,350 percent in the next 30 years, according to the Public Citizen site.

The Department of Transportation revealed that in the last 10 years, just under 100,000 accidents released some form of hazardous materials causing more than \$300 million in damages, over 4,350 injuries and more than 100 deaths in the United States. Utah had more than \$2.3 million in damages in 10 years, according to the Public Citizen site.

The Department of Energy conducted an analysis on the repercussions of a possible rural transportation accident. The study reported that "a scenario involving a high-speed impact, long-duration fire and fuel oxidation would contaminate a 42-square-mile area, require 462 days to clean up and cost \$620 million," according to the Public Citizen site.

The probability of this type of accident will greatly increase with the approval of H.R. 1270.

In the meantime, Batt's agreement requires all 65,000 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated waste at INEL to be shipped to New Mexico by the end of 2018, according to a Dec. 22, 1996, article in the Deseret News.

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## Less power, more accuracy emphasized since Cold War

By SHANNA GHAZNAVI  
Universe Staff Writer

Concerns about the development and use of nuclear technology — both for weapons and as an energy source — have shifted focus since the end of the Cold War.

There was a "frightening kind of pessimism" during the Cold War that the United States could not avoid a nuclear confrontation, said Ladd Hollist, professor of political science.

Greg Coleridge, director of the Economic Justice and Empowerment Program, said "nuclear weapons are a measure of power. If you have one or more, you cannot so easily be pushed around."

The end of the Cold War came as a "stunning surprise," Hollist said. "No one forecast it. No one imagined it."

Professor of Communications JoAnn M. Valenti said that after the Cold War, "the focus shifted to the environmental and health risk posed by this technology," since most people no longer feared a nuclear war.

Hollist said the United States responded to the end of the standoff with the U.S.S.R. by downsizing biological, chemical and nuclear arms, and by modernizing existing weapons systems to be more accurate instead of more powerful. He also said that the government rethought national security and considered new ways to avoid an attack.

Since the end of the Cold War era, the United States has also been playing the role of peacemaker in many

nations, sometimes at the request of the United Nations, Hollist said.

With the fall of the U.S.S.R., many of the former member countries of the Soviet Union were left in disarray — economically, militarily and otherwise — so the United States has acted as a peacekeeping force in nations such as Bosnia, Hollist said.

However, "The United States has some problems in its economic house," Hollist said.

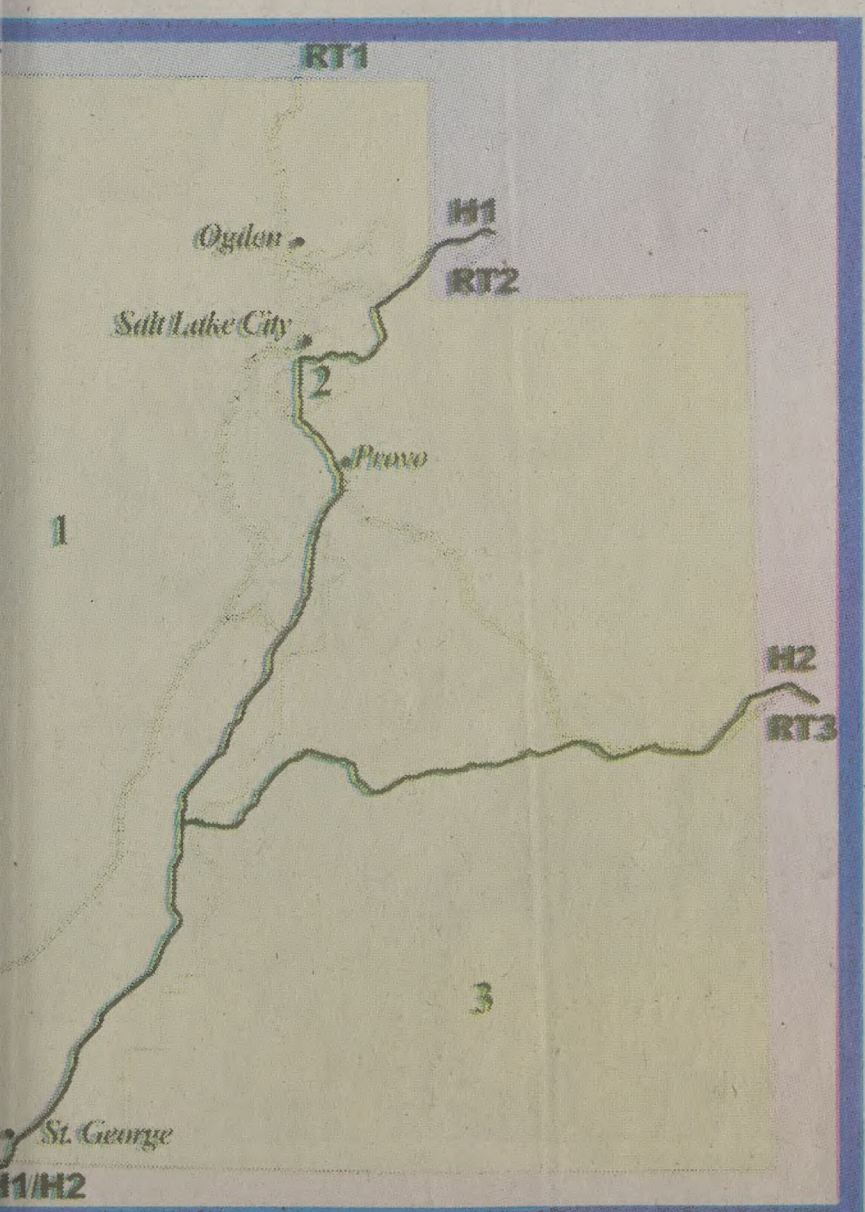
Without a strong economic base, military power is difficult to maintain. He said that the United States is no longer as singularly influential as it has been in the past, and this is because it has lost dominance in the economic sphere.

It is the loss of an industrial and economic base which led to the end of the U.S.S.R. and the Cold War, said Stan A. Taylor, professor of political science.

Taylor, who specializes in national security issues, said the Soviet Union "could no longer keep up both military and industry." He said the breakup of the Soviet Union was only surprising because of its timing; it was not impossible to foresee.

Hollist also said he saw the tremendous burden of a decreased quality of life in the U.S.S.R. as being a major factor leading to the end of the Cold War. Russia sustained large economic losses because it put many of its resources into the military instead of into industry.

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Graphic by John Lepinski

transportation routes for nuclear waste go through Utah. ets from the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, about 70 percent of the nation's nuclear waste, will be through as a result of an agreement with the U.S. gov- RT routes are by rail, and H routes are highways.





## News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

### Pope leaves Cuba to build 'new paths'

HAVANA — Pope John Paul II, ending a spiritual journey to a dispirited land, summoned Cubans at home and Cubans in exile to "new paths" of reconciliation Sunday, and called this country's bishops to the task of helping lead them there.

And the Cuba they build, the pope said before boarding his flight back to Rome, should be a land of "greater freedom and pluralism."

With his carefully chosen words, the 77-year-old pope put himself and his churchmen squarely in the middle of the four-decade-long Cuban showdown.

It was the climax of a difficult five-day pilgrimage during which the Roman Catholic pontiff had to balance criticism of Cuba's communist system with the need to bolster and foster the Cuban church.

The leader of that system, President Fidel Castro, saw him off at Havana's airport, declared Cuba had "nothing to hide from the world," and congratulated the pope for visiting "what some choose to call communism's last bulwark."

"For every word you have said — even those I might disagree with — on behalf of all the Cuban people, Holy Father, I thank you!" Castro declared.

### Israelis can soon divorce via Internet

JERUSALEM — There may be 50 ways to leave your lover — but the simplest way to file for divorce in Israel will soon be as easy as clicking the right button on your computer.

Israelis will soon be able to file their divorce papers via the Internet, the daily Yediot Ahronot reported Friday.

The new click-on method will save Israelis the hours-long wait it normally takes to file for divorce with the rabbinical courts that have a monopoly on granting divorce in Israel.

Of course, after that it will require court appearances, and no doubt a lengthy wait, before a divorce is granted.

### Di fund unveils logo to protect rights

LONDON — In a bid to prevent people from profiting off Princess Diana's name, her memorial fund Sunday unveiled a distinctive logo that will be attached to all official Diana memorabilia.

Diana's sons William, 15, and Harry, 13, have approved the design, which is her own signature in purple, one of her favorite colors, over the words "Princess of Wales Memorial Fund."

"The trustees wanted a logo that would reflect the nature of the fund, which was set up as a spontaneous memorial" after Diana's death in a Paris car crash Aug. 31, a fund spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

Within days of the tragedy, a multimillion-dollar industry in unauthorized memorabilia sprung up, including T-shirts, plates, mugs and dolls. Many of the sellers have refused to give any of the proceeds to Diana's fund.

Produced by London design consultants Spencer Landor, the logo will be used on all products authorized by the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, which raises money for Diana's favorite causes.

Mishcon de Reya, the legal firm that acts for the fund, has registered her image as a trademark to prevent unauthorized parties from using it to make money.

### Guidebook reviews French restrooms

PARIS — Travelers to France long have relied on guidebooks to find the best hotels and restaurants. Now, a new work offers evaluations that may be even more helpful — the restrooms of Paris.

"Gogues en Vogue" — French for "Fashionable Johns" — includes descriptions of bathrooms in 98 Paris restaurants, bars and nightclubs and awards toilet bowl cleaner icons for cleanliness and toilet bowl seats for scent.

The authors gave the famed Cloiserie des Lilas a lukewarm review: "In all, taking a break in the Cloiserie is not unpleasant and, depending on the time of day, you may be accompanied by music."

The ritzy four-star Hotel Crillon, on the other hand, proved praiseworthy. "A detour not to be missed," they write. "The finest of the fine are the majestic sinks with gold-plated faucets that await your manicured hands."

## Intern may tell all to gain immunity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Anxious to cut a deal for immunity, the lawyer for Monica Lewinsky said Sunday his 24-year-old client "will tell all that she knows" to Whitewater prosecutors.

Attorney William Ginsburg said he has verbally indicated to investigators what Lewinsky will tell them in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

"I will remain in Washington as long as it takes to see that the truth in every detail, wherever it may fall, comes out," Ginsburg said.

Negotiations for a grant of absolute immunity for Lewinsky could be lengthy — but an alternative is available to Whitewater prosecutors. They could obtain a court order giving Lewinsky use immunity — a more limited form that would compel Lewinsky's grand jury testimony as early as Tuesday when the Whitewater grand jury is scheduled to meet in Washington.

Under use immunity, Lewinsky's testimony could not be used against her. But she also would not have the blanket protection from prosecution that Ginsburg seeks.

President Clinton talked this weekend with heavyweight advisers brought back to Washington to help him through the crisis brought on by the allegations of a sexual relationship with Lewinsky and attempts at a cover-up.

In the first hint of an eyewitness, ABC reported that the president and Lewinsky were caught in an intimate encounter in a private area of the White House in the spring of 1996, shortly before the White House intern was moved to a job at the Pentagon. ABC cited several unidentified sources for its information. Starr's office declined comment on the ABC report.

As news organizations followed up on the ABC story, former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and former deputy Evelyn Lieberman took the unusual step of issuing a statement denying that either or both had been notified by any White House aide or Secret Service agent of having witnessed "certain sexual activities between the president and Ms. Monica Lewinsky."

Regarding the ABC report, an eyewitness would provide important cor-

roborating evidence for Lewinsky's account if she reverses her denial of an affair with the president. In secretly recorded conversations, Lewinsky had said she believed "nobody saw anything happen between us."

Ginsburg said the ABC report, if true, will take some of the pressure off his client by making her testimony less important. Such a development would let Starr expend his "bullets on somebody else," said Ginsburg.

"We understand that both Mr. Panetta and Ms. Lieberman categorically deny that either of them were given any verbal or other reports concerning, or witnessed, any sexual or intimate encounter," the White House said.

Lieberman, who is expected to be subpoenaed to appear before the Whitewater grand jury, moved Lewinsky out of the White House in the spring of 1996.

"Monica Lewinsky was not transferred because of a physical incident," according to a statement on behalf of Lieberman.

At the White House, the first couple tried to maintain an air of normalcy, attending services at Foundry United Methodist Church as usual.

Senior administration officials and longtime Clinton friends, including two who talked to him this weekend, said the president was shocked and depressed in the first hours of the controversy but has bounced back defiantly.

"(There's) one thing that isn't going on, and that's discussions about any resignation," said Rahm Emanuel, a top White House adviser.

House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde spoke cautiously about the possibility of an impeachment inquiry.

"Nothing much will happen until the Democrats decide something should happen," said Hyde, R-Ill.

In a whirlwind of appearances on NBC, ABC and CBS, Ginsburg went out of his way to praise Starr and his staff, calling them "excellent people" with whom talks have been cordial.

"I don't approve of some of their tactics, (but) I have nothing but the highest praise for their professionalism and their attitude," Ginsburg said.

"We are dying to tell the story, but we cannot. We are frozen in place" until his client gets total immunity, Ginsburg said.

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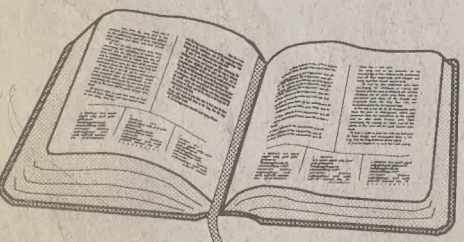
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### Scripture of the Day

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

— Psalms 118:24



Haley Rasmussen likes this scripture because "Each day is a gift, and it is important to enjoy them all." Rasmussen is a freshman from Bountiful majoring in business.

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# Yucca Mountain research for waste storage behind schedule

BY JENNIFER MOEN  
Daily Universe Staff Writer

The Department of Energy will not meet its deadline to start accepting nuclear waste at a specific site Jan. 31, according to the Internet site The Study Committee at [www.studycommittee.org](http://www.studycommittee.org).

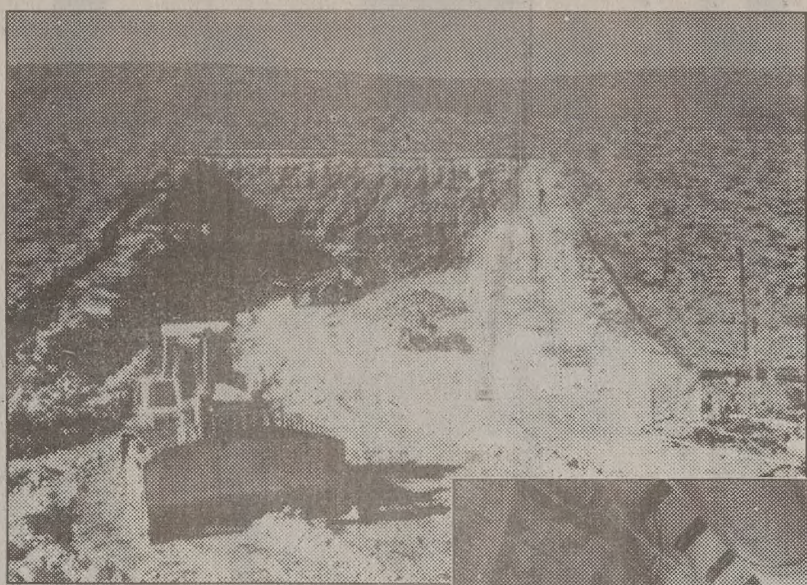
At Yucca Mountain, Nev., was a possible nuclear waste repository, but the area is still being researched.

According to the Yucca Mountain Project website at [www.ymp.gov](http://www.ymp.gov), the site should have opened for the public in 1997 and 40 other countries have been waiting for the final date was pushed back and now to 2010.

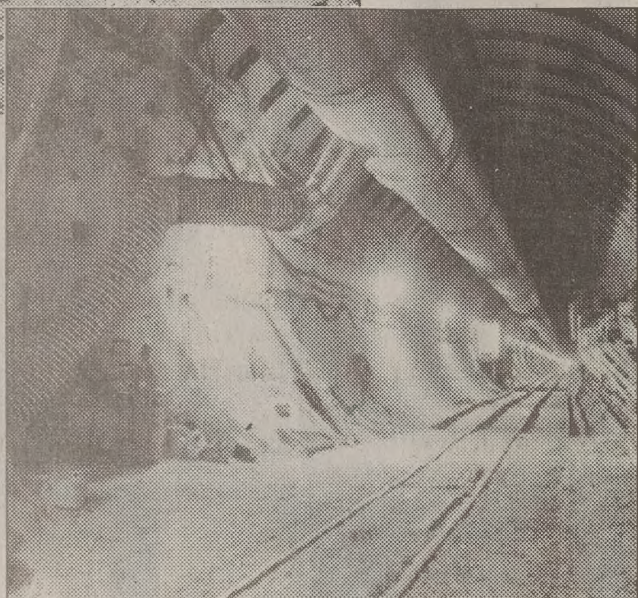
Yucca Mountain has not yet been found suitable for permanent nuclear waste storage, there has been a lot of money put the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Utilities are running out of space for the storage space at their plants, and some plant representatives said the plants will be forced to close when they run out of space, according to The Study Committee site.

There is a lawsuit against DOE and state agencies and 33 utilities want to force DOE to take responsibility for the spent fuel now stored in 34 states. DOE is not allowed to take ownership of the spent fuel by Jan. 31, but



Machines, above, work to bore through the mountain side at Yucca Mountain, Nev., producing caverns like the one at right. The Department of Energy is researching the area for its stability in permanent nuclear waste storage.



[www.ymp.gov](http://www.ymp.gov)

they have no place to put it yet.

According to the Study Committee site, DOE said that it should not be held liable for missing the deadline.

The site further said that in December of 1997, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the DOE's claim that

it had to delay taking ownership of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

But the appeals courts said there was no immediate need to require DOE to store or dispose of the waste because its government contract provided for payment of damages if the

deadline was missed.

The federal government will likely take a leadership role in finding a place to put the nuclear waste, said Brian Champion, political science and international relations librarian at BYU.

"It needs to be someplace remote where it cannot affect the population and contaminate the earth and the water," Champion said. "It is a complex issue that defies simple solutions."

In 1982, Congress established a national policy to solve the problem of nuclear waste disposal.

The Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act was based on a consensus among scientists worldwide who said such a policy was the best way to dispose of nuclear waste, according to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 website at [www.public.la.state.edu](http://www.public.la.state.edu).

According to the Yucca Mountain Project website at [www.ymp.gov](http://www.ymp.gov), the nuclear waste act made the DOE responsible for finding a site and operating an underground disposal facility, or geologic repository.

Many different places were under consideration, but in 1987 Congress directed DOE to focus only on Yucca Mountain in southern Nevada, about 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The area is made of vast layers of porous rock called tuff. The tuff contains minerals which are expected to shield the environment from radiation.

According to the Yucca Mountain Project site, DOE plans to carve out more than 100 miles of tunnels into the mountain. The tunnels will be 1,000 feet below the surface of the mountain and 800 feet above the water table.

The waste would be loaded into massive containers in the earth, and the mountain will later be sealed forever.

The U.S. government is responsible for making sure that the site is safe for nuclear waste disposal, and there has been testing on the location since 1985.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 website reported that nuclear power plants in the U.S. began charging their customers one cent for every kilowatt-hour that is used.

The money goes into the Nuclear Waste Fund which, in 1996, had more than \$10.5 billion with \$1 million spent every day to analyze Yucca Mountain and predict its reactions.

About 300 scientists research the likelihood of earthquakes and eruptions of volcanoes in the area.

Opponents of Yucca Mountain as a high-level nuclear waste repository say the choice of the site was purely political rather than scientific.

"Because Nevada has only two representatives and two senators in Congress, we were an easy target for members of Congress representing more powerful states under consideration for a repository," reports a 1997

Citizen Alert fact sheet at [www.igc.apc.org](http://www.igc.apc.org).

Champion said that he does not think this is a fair argument in the case.

"Wyoming has only three representatives, so why didn't they choose Wyoming?" he said. He added that there are many states that have small representative groups, so it does not make sense to use that argument.

The nuclear policy act stressed that if Yucca Mountain at any time is found unsuitable, studies will be stopped immediately.

If this happens, the site will be restored and DOE will seek new directions from Congress. According to the DOE, there are 110 operating nuclear reactor sites in the U.S.

The Study Committee reported that 20 percent of the nation's electricity comes from nuclear sources, and in many states, nuclear energy is the leading source of electricity.

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Chief of the Skull Valley tribe, said the tribe consists of 29 members with about 29 members living there. The other members brought work in nearby areas to the reservation for meeting.

Fuel rods are not considered safe, Bear said, but could be used in some European countries. The United States has so much, though, that it does not reprocess, he said.

Uranium is mined in southern Utah, shipped to Ogden, made into pellets that go into fuel rods and out of the state. The state will accept the product back,

power plants use solid, fuel pellets of enriched uranium, larger than pencil erasers, to heat each other and sealed in fuel rods called fuel rods that are put together to produce heat.

After three years the pellets are more efficient in producing

heat. The spent fuel is highly radioactive and must be isolated from the environment for long periods of time.

For the past 30 years, spent fuel rods have been left at the nuclear power plant that generated them.

They can also be stored above ground in heavy containers made of steel and/or concrete like those proposed for Utah.

Both methods have been proven safe, but neither is intended as a permanent solution.

Mary Heimstead, spokeswoman for Northern States Power in Minnesota, said that the Department of Energy is obligated to accept spent fuel by Jan. 31, but it has not complied.

Northern States Power, one of the nation's nuclear power plants, has already exceeded its short-term storage. It took the oldest spent fuel out of the pools and stored it in seven containers at a monitored, licensed facility near the plant. The state will allow them 17 containers, Heimstead said.

"We need storage space so we don't have to shut down the plant prematurely. We want the government to

meet its obligations and take the spent fuel," Heimstead said.

According to the website for the state of Utah's Department of Environmental Quality, the proposed high-level nuclear waste site would cover 820 acres of the Skull Valley Reservation's land. The initial lease between Private Fuel Storage and the tribe would be for 25 years, with a 25-year optional renewal.

The proposed site would be licensed to store approximately 4,000 casks of high-level radioactive waste. The nation's largest facility stores about 50 casks. The spent fuel rods would be stored in above-ground, vertical concrete canisters on concrete pads.

The interim storage facility would create about 100 permanent jobs for tribe members, more than the approximate 70 adults could handle. The remaining jobs would be offered first to American Indians and then to local people, Bear said.

The tribe would also benefit by improved government social and health services, housing, and adult vocational training, Bear said.

Carol Sisco, spokeswoman for the

Utah Department of Environmental Quality, said, "We don't generate any type of that waste in Utah. The power plants indicate that the waste is very safe, so the state's position is 'If it is so safe, why don't you leave it where it is until a permanent facility is built to take it?'"

Because the repository is on a reservation, the federal government has the final say. But Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt showed his resourcefulness by taking control of the county road that leads to the site.

The Skull Valley Indians are surrounded by Dugway Proving Ground where, until 1969, the military conducted open-air testing of biological and chemical weapons.

Tooele also has two commercial hazardous-waste incinerators, one hazardous-waste dump and one low-level radiation dump.

Several years ago the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico contemplated a similar proposal. The 2,500-member tribe turned down a reported \$250 million in compensation and benefits. If the Goshutes are offered the same financial package, it would

work out to about \$2 million per person.

The proposed permanent location for the waste storage is Yucca Mountain, Nev.

Opponents of the Utah interim storage believe the Goshute Reservation will become the spent fuels' final resting place, but Bear disagrees.

"(The federal government) already sunk too much money into (the Yucca repository). I don't think the government will back off now," Bear said.

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It is estimated that 70 percent of the nation's nuclear waste will be transported through Utah.

Another 110 tons of nuclear waste at INEL over the years, but most waste has been cleaned up and removed from the site.

Excavate the plutonium waste has already begun. WIPP will receive the waste by May 2000 in accordance with Batt's

will accept low-level

waste. "It is a deep tunnel that has been finished, but ... New Mexico is not getting its heels."

Clinton said that New Mexico initially approved the building of WIPP but has become hesitant to build a kind of nuclear waste within the state.

Scientific studies underway look at the long-

range geological effects of plutonium on the site. Plutonium has a half-life of 50,000 years, and it takes 10 half-years to decay for a total of 500,000 years. For this reason, the site must remain undisturbed.

"It is hard for scientists to prove nothing will affect the site," Downs said.

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— Wayne Downs,  
BYU professor of  
environmental engineering

opened a nuclear power plant which ran off the old fuel rods from other nuclear power plants.

The Clinton administration, however, shut down all funding to nuclear research in 1997. This included further studies on running nuclear power plants off waste products.

Senators from Idaho are trying to lobby for a solu-

tion to the increasing excess nuclear waste, Downs said.

In Illinois, a Zion nuclear power plant operator accidentally shut off a reactor and then tried to restart it without following procedures.

Rather than face the costly restart procedures, the Unicom Corp. will pay the \$515 million to permanently close the plant.

But the power plant will remain as it is until 2014, when decommissioning is scheduled to begin, according to an article printed Jan. 16 in the Deseret News.

The waste at INEL comes from nuclear power plants, nuclear fueled naval ships and the dismantling of nuclear facilities.

The concentration procedure consists of dissolving radioactive material in a strong acid. Radioactive residue is then separated from the non-radioactive material and put in drums to be buried underground.

To reduce and control direct gamma and radon emanation, nuclear waste is typically covered with either solid (soil, rock, clay, plastics, vegetation) or liquid (water) material, according to the DOE web site at [www.eia.doe.gov/fuelnuclear.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelnuclear.html).

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Bottom line for me is that the economy and economy failed," he said.

World community of nations never more desirous for the end of the Cold War conflict. Hollist said the fall of the Berlin Wall was "a symbolically and very important sign" signifying the end of the Cold War.

Gorbachev's national policy of glasnost, or openness, also played a part in bettering U.S.S.R. relations, Taylor said. Policies introduced elements of a market system and gave citizens freedom.

As the arms build-up of the Cold War has ended, nuclear power has become an energy source which produces 20 percent of U.S. electricity, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Increased oil prices of the 1970s led to an increased demand for nuclear power, according to [www.students.uiuc.edu](http://www.students.uiuc.edu).

Nuclear reactor units in the U.S. have increased, Valenti said she thinks the waste is now the major problem associated with nuclear power. Other energy sources need to be developed because the risks of producing nuclear power make it infeasible.

Valenti said he is not antagonistic to the use of nuclear power. The Peace view is disputed by environmentalists who contend that nuclear power plants produce radioactive waste and other problems more than does the use of nuclear weapons.

According to a statement by Barbara Valenti, executive director of Focus on the Environment, at the website [www.focusontheenvironment.org/~rherried/vw10.html](http://www.focusontheenvironment.org/~rherried/vw10.html),

even if nuclear power is economically sound, "when we're poisoning whole ecosystems, it is absurd to speak of economies at all."

The V.I. Lenin nuclear power plant in Chernobyl was the site of one of the world's worst nuclear reactor accidents in 1986. As a result of human error and a flaw in the design of the reactor, a series of explosions killed 31 and injured almost 500 others.

Since the accident, the radioactivity from the accident has caused other damage to the area including contamination of soil and food supplies and an increased number of cancer cases and other radiation-related illnesses, according to the website at [www.students.uiuc.edu/~jurgovan/nuc/chern.html](http://www.students.uiuc.edu/~jurgovan/nuc/chern.html).

Closer to home, in 1979 the nuclear reactor failure at Three Mile Island, near Harrisburg, Pa., also due to human and mechanical error, left taxpayers with a \$1 billion bill to pay. No one was hurt in the accident and there were no major health effects measured, according to [www.bucknell.edu](http://www.bucknell.edu) site.

Though Valenti said she feels nuclear waste is the biggest problem facing the development of nuclear power, she also said nuclear weapons may still pose difficulty in the future.

Since the United States has used atomic weapons in the past, Valenti said she cannot forget that it was the United States that used these weapons first. "I think we have a bad record," she said.


Hollist said he thinks issues involving nuclear weapons are not problematic now. He said there is not a real possibility of a major conflict, and were another bomb to be dropped, it would be a terrorist initiative.

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## Learn from diversity, Sister Okazaki says

By **MARLIESE FILLMORE**  
*Universe Staff Writer*

Minorities of ethnicity, religion or gender can feel a sense of equality through the love of the Savior, said Sister Chieko N. Okazaki, former member of the Relief Society General presidency of the LDS Church, at a residence Sunday night in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom.

"I'm a firm believer in diversity and planting new flowers in old gardens. I love it, I celebrate it, and I learn from it," Sister Okazaki said.

She said that God loves diversity, and when we try to be like Him, He helps us to love all races. Sister Okazaki related several scriptures that she believes give a foundation for the principle of equality in the gospel.

The verses helped show that all races are alike and related because God is the Father of them all. Sister Okazaki asked the audience "to look beyond the barriers of race, culture and gender to see that we are all precious to God."

Sister Okazaki spoke of the racial discrimination she felt as a Japanese-American when she moved to the United States in 1951. Real estate and insurance agents would not do business with her and her husband, Edward. They were stared at in public places and even felt alienation while attending the temple.

But Sister Okazaki didn't dwell on these experiences. She found the advantages of being marginalized, or pushed to the side of society. She was personally strengthened and was then able to create a heritage as an educational, LDS woman of color.

"This heritage is not just for racial minorities, but for everyone who feels excluded or discriminated against by



**CHIEKO N. OKAZAKI**

the stereotypes of others," Sister Okazaki said.

She wanted to emphasize that the Asian culture is distinct and treasured, and having an Asian ethnic background doesn't inhibit the ability to contribute to American society.

Sister Okazaki said we should "not feel contempt toward other religions or races. Differences aren't right or wrong, they are just different."

She counseled members of the LDS Church to not put a value on differences, nor compare and judge others, but to remember that we are internal brothers and sisters.

Sister Okazaki was reared a Buddhist, but joined the LDS Church at age 15. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii and her master's degree from the University of Colorado.

Okazaki is the author of such books as "Lighten Up," and "Aloha," is a yo-yo master champion and loves playing with her three grandsons.

## New tax initiative designed to provide relief for families

By **NATALEE CAPPS**  
*Universe Staff Writer*

The Republican Freshman House unveiled a new tax initiative last week designed to save money for the average American family.

Members of the GOP freshmen class labeled the initiative as the Family Reinvestment and Shaping our Future Act to provide tax relief.

Congressman Chris Cannon, R-Utah, said the bill would alleviate the marriage penalty tax, which does not allow married taxpayers who file jointly to raise their standard deduction. The bill would also exclude a portion of earned interest and dividends from being taxed as income.

The GOP freshmen first announced the development of this plan last September.

The bill was designed to raise the health insurance deductibility rate for self-employed and to expand college expenses and prepaid tuition plans to cover both private and public colleges.

According to a news release, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Georgia, said he applauds the hard work in

crafting this bill.

"I am pleased that it represents an attempt by the Republicans to make one more step toward lessening the stranglehold taxes have on America's family and economy," he said.

However, not all feel the necessity to change the present tax laws.

BYU alumna Erin Hansen said she received a tax break after she got married.

"My husband and I recently had a baby, and we pay even less taxes than before. I really don't see the need for more tax legislation," she said.

Although most members of the BYU community don't consider tax legislation to be high priority, residents of Provo made it clear to Cannon that changes needed to be made regarding taxes during a town meeting at Timpview High School Thursday night.

Complaints included the complexities of the present tax code and the corruption of the Internal Revenue Service.

"We cannot accept criminality (in the IRS)," said Richard Mack, a resident of Provo planning to run for sheriff.

## U.S., BYU seek best ways to store nuclear waste

By **CINDY C. FISHER**  
*Universe Staff Writer*

Billions of gallons of radioactive waste end up in disposal sites across the United States every year. Thoughts of green, glowing goo filling America from sea to shining sea make some people uneasy.

But the Department of Energy spends billions of dollars every year to ensure that radioactive waste is disposed of properly and safely.

The Idaho National Engineering Lab has been storing radioactive waste since 1949, and, according to John Walsh, INEL spokesman, they are very good at it.

INEL stores three kinds of waste: high-level radioactive waste, transuranic waste and low-level waste.

High-level waste consists of used nuclear fuel rods which are stored in underground tanks encased in concrete.

"Most high-level waste comes from the U.S. Navy," Walsh said. "When naval ships were first made, around World War II, they could stay out to sea for around 14 months before having to refuel. With nuclear power, ships can stay out at sea for 20 years," he said.

Between 1997 and 2000, no more than 20 shipments a year of spent fuel rods can be shipped to INEL by the U.S. Navy, Walsh said.

Shipping radioactive waste can be more controversial than the waste itself. According to Walsh, the Navy ships waste by railroad. They don't advertise when they are leaving. Environmental groups, however, will seem to find when and where they are going, Walsh said.

"In the United States, there has never been any major accidents when shipping radioactive waste," Walsh said.

INEL has not received transuranic

or low-level waste since 1989.

Transuranic waste is waste contaminated by plutonium as a result of weapons production.

"Particles of plutonium can get into your lungs and cause cancer," Walsh said.

The transuranic waste at the INEL came from the Rocky Flats plant outside of Denver. The plant does not make weapons anymore, Walsh said.

INEL will be shipping all their transuranic waste to a new facility in New Mexico. All of their transuranic waste must be gone by 2018.

Low-level radioactive waste has a relatively short half-life.

"INEL processes it, puts in metal boxes and barrels, then buries it. After 300 years, you can't tell the difference between it and any other form of naturally occurring radiation," Walsh said.

When radioactive waste is stored correctly, it's safer than driving to Salt Lake City, BYU Safety Director Fred Nelson said.

Nelson, who has been the safety director for 18 years, said BYU produces very little radioactive waste, but hard-nosed guidelines still apply.

"There are very strict procedures on how we package and ship radioactive waste," Nelson said. "These procedures have been in place for a very long time."

The radioactive waste at BYU comes from the biological science labs. Some of it is shipped to a designated waste site.

Radioactive elements are called radio isotopes. Some have a short half-life, Nelson said. In those cases, BYU stores them on site.

"P-32, a form of phosphate, has a 14-day half-life. We store it until the radioactivity is gone, then we dispose of it just like other garbage," Nelson said. "We have a lot of things on campus that are much more hazardous than our stored radio isotopes are."

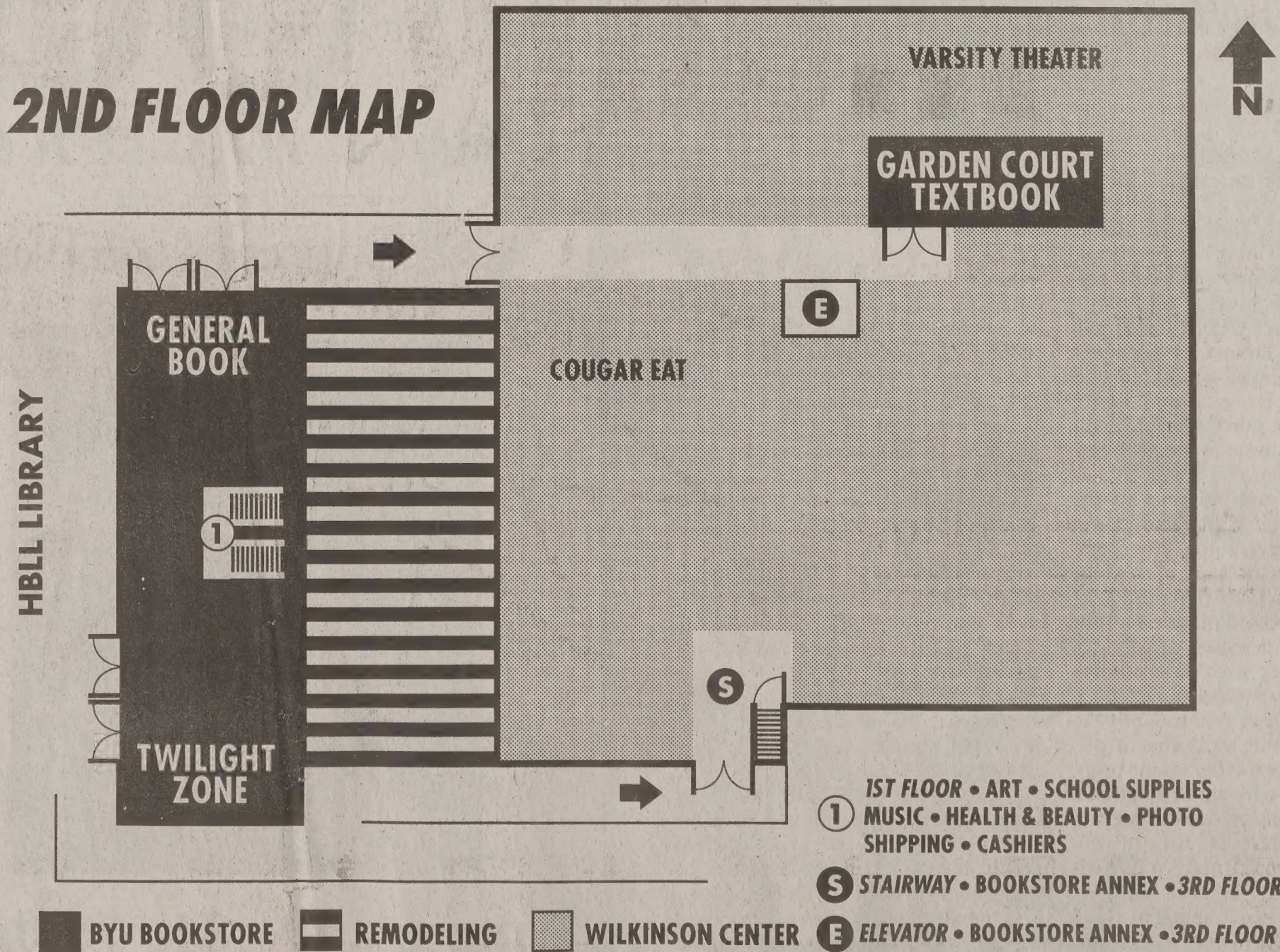
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Burdette, a junior from La Verkin, Utah County, majoring in construction management, helps to build the Children's Fire Safety

House by planing a board. The house is designed to teach elementary school children about fire hazards and safety precautions.

## BYU students donate time and build fire safety house

JESSICA GLEASON  
Universe Staff Writer

has a busy and overloaded extended family. He will play a part in teaching elementary school children about fire safety in the Children's Fire Safety House being built by BYU's student chapter of the National Association of Home

builders majoring in construction management have been donating their time on free Saturdays to finish the model home that the Utah Builders started two years ago to teach children about fire safety. The house measures 24 feet by 8 feet and has been built on the back of a 1990-ton GMC truck.

Each year school children tour the house in addition to frayed wires, a gas can by the furnace, and a stove. When they discuss fire hazards, the students

will see some things they should have in their own homes, like a functioning fire alarm and a telephone from which they can dial 911.

Bill Fairbanks, a representative from the Utah Valley NAHB, said, "Kids have that curiosity and sometimes will dial 911 just to see what it's like."

When the students dial from inside the model, they will get a representative from the fire department on the phone. Their curiosity will be satisfied without tying up emergency lines from their own homes.

The model has eight windows and two doors. While the students are in the house, they will review how to get out of their own houses in case there is a fire.

Russell Mumford, a sophomore majoring in construction management from Bountiful, is the president of NAHB. Mumford said the club's main objective, from the beginning of the year, has been to serve people better with their trade. When they dis-

covered that the Utah Valley chapter had this unfinished model, they knew they had found the perfect project.

Over 60 hours of work, as well as many new materials donated or discounted from local businesses, have gone into the house so far. Mumford said he estimates that it will take two or three more weeks of work before the home is complete.

When all of the carpet, wallpaper and fire hazards have gone into the house, it will be donated to the Orem City Fire Department.

The house will be available to all of the fire departments and schools in Utah Valley.

Fire engine lights will be on the top of the house as it goes to area schools, according to Fairbanks, and about half a day will be spent at each participating school.

He said that children "aren't born aware of (fire safety), so you need to teach it to them."

## Bookstore a bit harder to find

By MALI HEGDAHL  
Universe Staff Writer

Every day thousands of students flock to the Wilkinson Center for various reasons. Most students are heading for the BYU Bookstore or the Cougar eat. Construction has made that voyage a difficult one.

For many people who have recently tried to get to the rest of the Wilkinson Center through the Bookstore, they know what a maze it can be.

The Bookstore's first phase of construction was completed last week, said Dennis Lindberg, assistant director of operations and training. The first floor now holds the health and beauty, music, photo and shipping departments as well as art and school supplies.

The gift, men's, women's and sporting goods departments are in the Bookstore annex on the third floor. Entrances to those departments from the Bookstore will close Feb. 2. The new entrances are located on the third floor of the Wilkinson Center. Across the hall in ELWC 3223 is the computer department, Lindberg said.

Feb. 2, the entire third floor will be closed. The customer service desk will be relocated to the first level. Text books can be purchased in the Garden Court of the Wilkinson Center.

The latest construction has invaded one of the most well-traveled hallways on campus. The main entrance from the Bookstore to the rest of the



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Stephanie Jones, right, a sophomore from Connell, Wash., majoring in elementary education and an employee of the BYU Bookstore, helps Judy Call, a Bookstore employee from Provo, arrange text books in the Garden Court of the Wilkinson Center.

Wilkinson Center is now closed, which affects a majority of the BYU population.

Heath Connett, a senior majoring in manufacturing engineering from Ann Arbor, Mich., said his first trip after the main entrance from the Bookstore to the Cougar eat was closed was not easy.

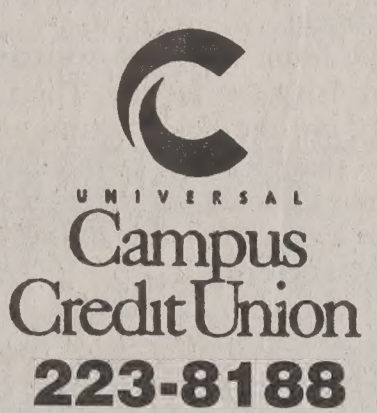
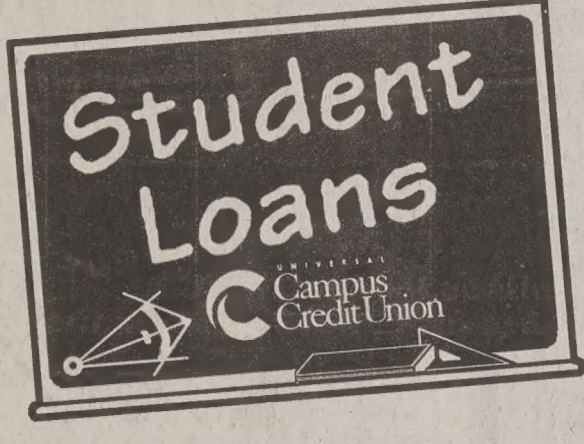
He said he walked toward the main stairs until he realized his usual route was under construction. "Then, I wandered through the book section until I found that we could go outside (the northwest entrance) and come around that way," Connett said.

"It could have been annoying, but

I'm used to the construction," he said.


Micah Eldredge, a sophomore majoring in business from Vancouver, Wash., and Seth Hurdle, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering from Provo, also had trouble.

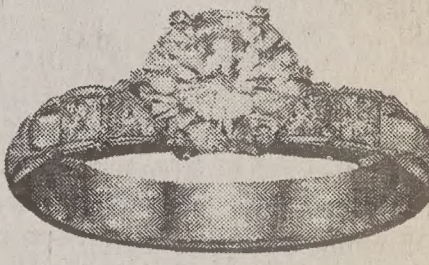
"We tried to go through (the Bookstore), and we didn't see any signs directing us where to go," Hurdle said.



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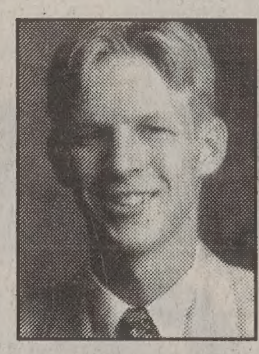
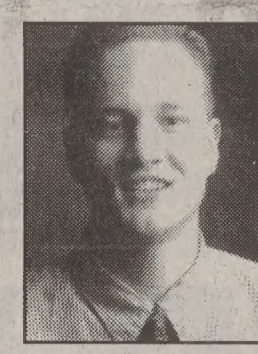
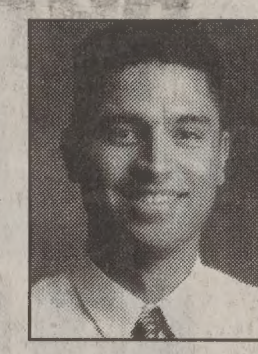
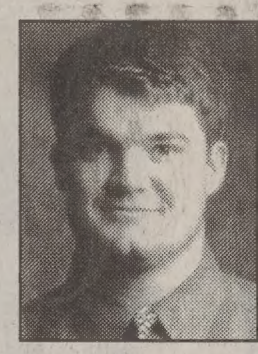
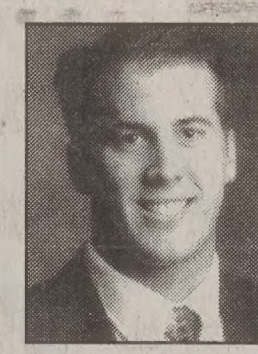
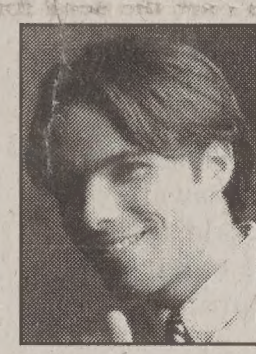

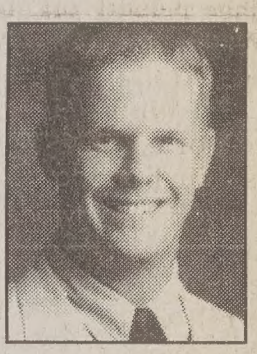
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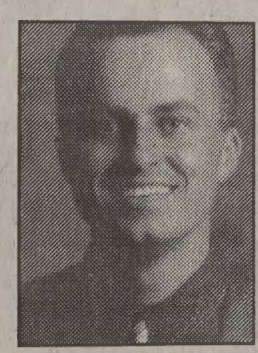
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## He's working out? Weight a minute...

I've started working out. This is because I am out of shape. Well, that's not to say I don't have a shape, which of course I do. I'm sort of amoeba-shaped, with odds and ends floating around in random directions. But it's not the sort of shape a person deliberately tries to get himself into. It's the kind of shape you see in an inkblot test, or at the scene of an accident.

The reason I'm trying to get in shape is that I've realized how important physical appearance is. If you examine most of your top Hollywood stars with high-powered binoculars, you'll find that they are in excellent physical condition, and that they don't appreciate being stared at so closely. Oh sure, there are exceptions. Some celebrities are ugly. For example, Tommy Lee Jones possesses, at last count, only one eyebrow, which extends all the way across his forehead, and in fact circumnavigates his entire skull. And yet this man has been the star of several very popular movies, including "Men in Black," in which he was less attractive than many of the aliens.

But for the rest of us, we need to look good, not just if we want to be motion picture stars, but also if we want the opposite sex to find us attractive. Of course, women have a bigger issue with this than men do. Women will go on crash diets and lapse into deep depression if they so much as SEE another woman who weighs less than they do, whereas a man can be the fattest, awfulest thing in the world and yet still wear tiny bathing suits at the beach and prance around like Michael Flatley, Lord of the Dance.

Anyway, looks are very important, particularly in college. Having a pleasant personality and a nice sense of humor does not count for squat, as you know if you have ever been young. And so I'm working out in the weight room. I don't want to get huge — just a little muscle tone, flatten the ol' stomach a bit, get me one of those cute rear ends you hear so much about. (Heaven help the man who doesn't have a cute rear end.)

This is not my first foray into the world of weight-lifting. I took a weight-lifting class a couple years ago, back when you actually had to do some kind of physical activity to meet your P.E. requirements for graduation, unlike now, where you just have to sign up for HePe 129 and then come back at the end of the semester to collect your A.

No, back then you had to take a class or two, and so I took weight-lifting. The problem was, I got stuck with a personal trainer named "Biff" (real name: I don't remember), who would show up every day with a new way of killing me. I grew to dread the class, and I quit going (my standard method of dealing with unpleasant college classes), and I wound up with virtually no physical improvement whatsoever, although if there were a muscle representing my ability to postpone the inevitable, it would be huge.

This time, it's different. Biff is gone, having been sent back to his home planet. So it's just me and a bunch of sweaty guys in a weight room. I am intimidated by the sweaty guys. This is because I have almost no idea what I am doing. I know some basic weight-lifting maneuvers, but there are some pieces of equipment in that weight room that could not be more foreign to me if they came directly

from Neptune. They're all variations on the same motifs: a bench, a bar, some weights. They just rearrange them and change their shapes, leaving me to figure out what you're supposed to do with them. I have a fear of sitting on a little bench with the bar in one hand, only to learn that you're supposed to *stand up* on the bench and lift the bar with your ankle. The sweaty guys would laugh at me, and it would become apparent that I was a novice. Then they would beat me up.

I try to reassure myself with the self-deception that nobody else knows what they're doing either, but that doesn't work because it is obvious that they *do* know what they're doing. I can tell by how much weight they can lift. This is another source of intimidation for me. Currently, three weeks into my program, these guys could lift more weight with their eyelashes than I could with a forklift. These are guys who played sports in high school while I was writing irresponsible editorials for the school newspaper ("Why I Think the Principal Once Killed a Guy"). They have a huge head-start on me.

Anyway, I try to ignore my fear, and I go about my routine. This is my system: I stand in a neutral position in the middle of the weight room and identify a part of my body that does not hurt. Then I hurt it. When it is good and hurt, I pick another body part and move on. Eventually, my entire body, including my elbows and my hair, is in deep pain, and I know that I am finished for the day. I limp back to the locker room and try not to convey in my body language the fact that I feel as though I have just been hit by a train, because I know the sweaty guys would pounce on me if they knew. They can smell weakness.

I never discuss my specific regimen with people because I don't know enough about the subject. My observation has been that most other people don't know much about it either, but that doesn't stop them from talking about it. (This is true of many subjects.) If I mention to another guy that I am doing squats in my program, he will tell me that squats are bad for your back or your knees or something, and that if you squat too much your kidneys will pop out. I will take his word for it and follow his recommendation, which is to do leg extensions and toe presses instead, only when I mention that to someone else, he will tell me what a moron the first guy was, and how if I want strong legs, I should do leg curls, or leg benches, or pressed leg bench curls, or whatever. Again, since I know virtually nothing about the human body except how to make my ears wiggle, I cannot respond to these conflicting reports. All I can do is smile and grunt and say "dude" and try to maintain good rapport with the sweaty guys.

And so it goes. I continue, three days a week, making my body hurt in the weight room and then making it hurt even more by walking up the 12,829 steps from the Smith Fieldhouse to the main part of campus. But it will all pay off. Soon I'll be in shape. I'll be buff. I'll be one of the sweaty guys. Young punks will be intimidated by me, and I'll frighten them to the point of tears with my manliness.

Now if only my hair weren't so dorky looking ....

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## Many low-priced CDs available on the web

By DAVID FOX  
Universe Staff Writer

Students spend hours searching through racks of CDs at local music stores trying to find new releases and old favorites. Many find it frustrating to drive from store to store and never find exactly what they are looking for.

But there are alternatives. The Minstrel Music Network, [www.m2n.com](http://www.m2n.com), is an impressive online, full service, discount music store.

With over 250,000 albums in stock, it is easy to find what you are looking for. Even very rare and some local bands are listed in the MMN database.

The MMN page is very user-friendly and walks shoppers through the selection process step by step. Minstrel's search engine is quick and makes the task of sorting through the huge inventory simple. The best part of the experience is feeling free to browse without any pressure to buy.

Minstrel's list prices are competitive with warehouse-style music stores and cheaper than most mall stores.

The average price of a compact disc ranges from \$11 to \$17. Many albums are also sold on records, cassettes and mini-discs. Shipping and handling on any order over \$15 is free anywhere in the country. Also, there is no sales tax.

Like a regular music store, shoppers can sample a couple of songs before

buying the album by downloading sample sound bytes. Cover art, performer notes and hundreds of critical reviews help shoppers decide what to buy.

There are several other online music services available to consumers but I found all of them disappointing. CDNow is at [www.cdnow.com](http://www.cdnow.com).

This page is terribly slow to load and cumbersome to use. There are many glitches in the construction of the site itself and several icons did not work properly.

CDNow offers products at comparable prices to other online music stores, but unlike MMN, CDNow charges shipping and handling.

For members of the Columbia House compact disc club there is an online service at [www.columbia-house.com](http://www.columbia-house.com). This is a great service for anyone who is already a Columbia House member. It is much easier to find compact discs using Columbia's search engine than by flipping through the tiny selection books Columbia House members receive in the mail. If you are not already a member of Columbia House, the site is set up so you can join if you wish.

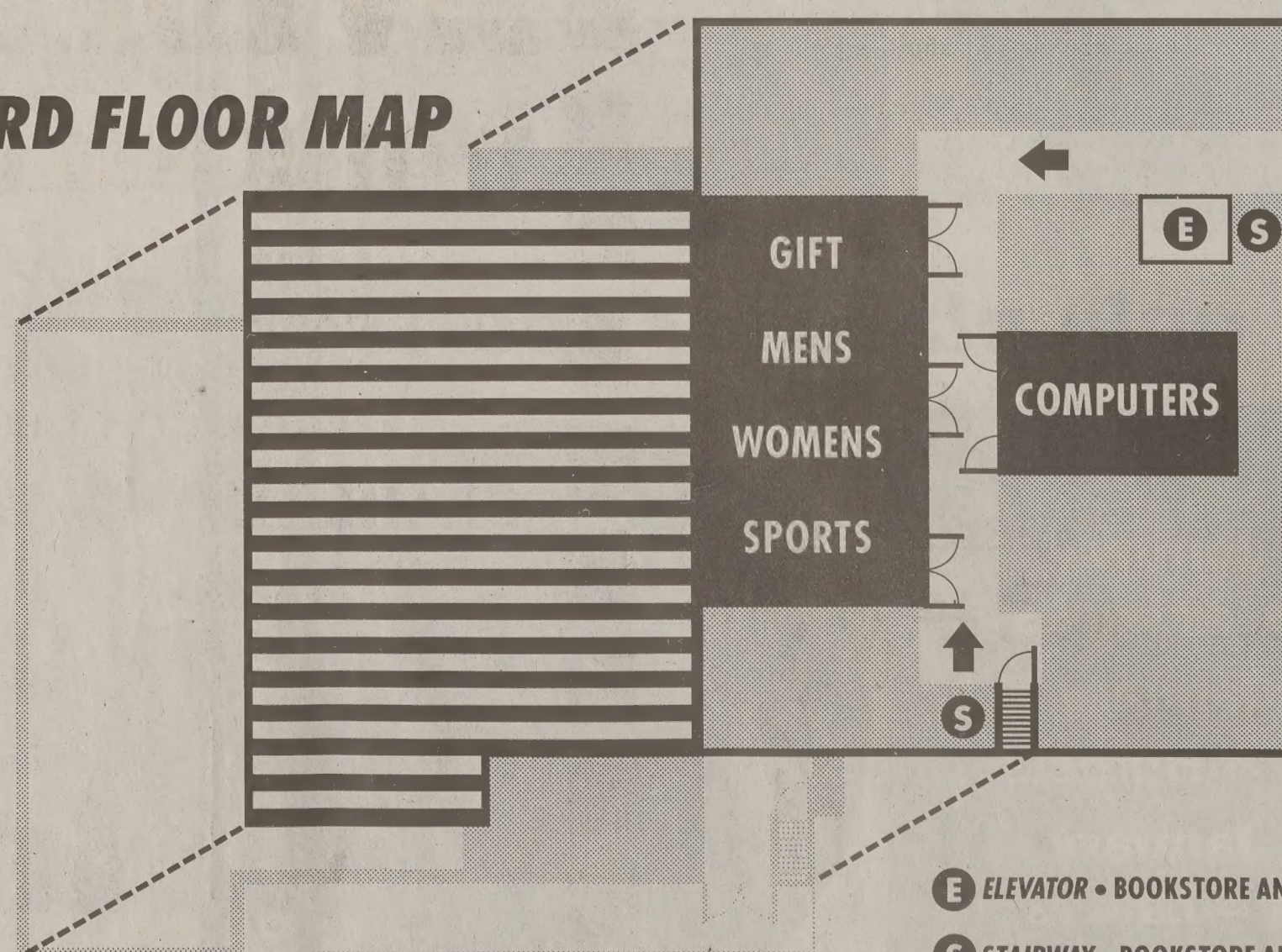
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## Elway leads Broncos to championship

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The old dude finally did it.

John Elway and the Denver Broncos won a Super Bowl for themselves and the AFC by beating the Green Bay Packers 31-24 Sunday in one of the most exciting games ever.

It gave the 37-year-old Elway his first win in four tries and the AFC its first in 14.

Sure, he had help.

He got it from MVP Terrell Davis, who gained 157 yards in 30 carries and scored on three 1-yard runs, including the winner with 1:45 left in the game. Davis did it despite a migraine headache that caused him to miss most of the second quarter.

For Elway, carried off the field by his teammates, this was vindication in perhaps his last shot at a title. He rode off as the oldest quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl.

"For all the Broncos fans who never had this feeling, we finally got it done," Elway said.

"You wonder if you're going to win or if you're going to run out of years."

The victory kept Denver from becoming the first team ever to lose five — it lost one in 1978, before Elway arrived.

The win meant vindication for the AFC, which hadn't won since the Raiders, then in Los Angeles, beat Washington 38-9 in 1984, Elway's first season.

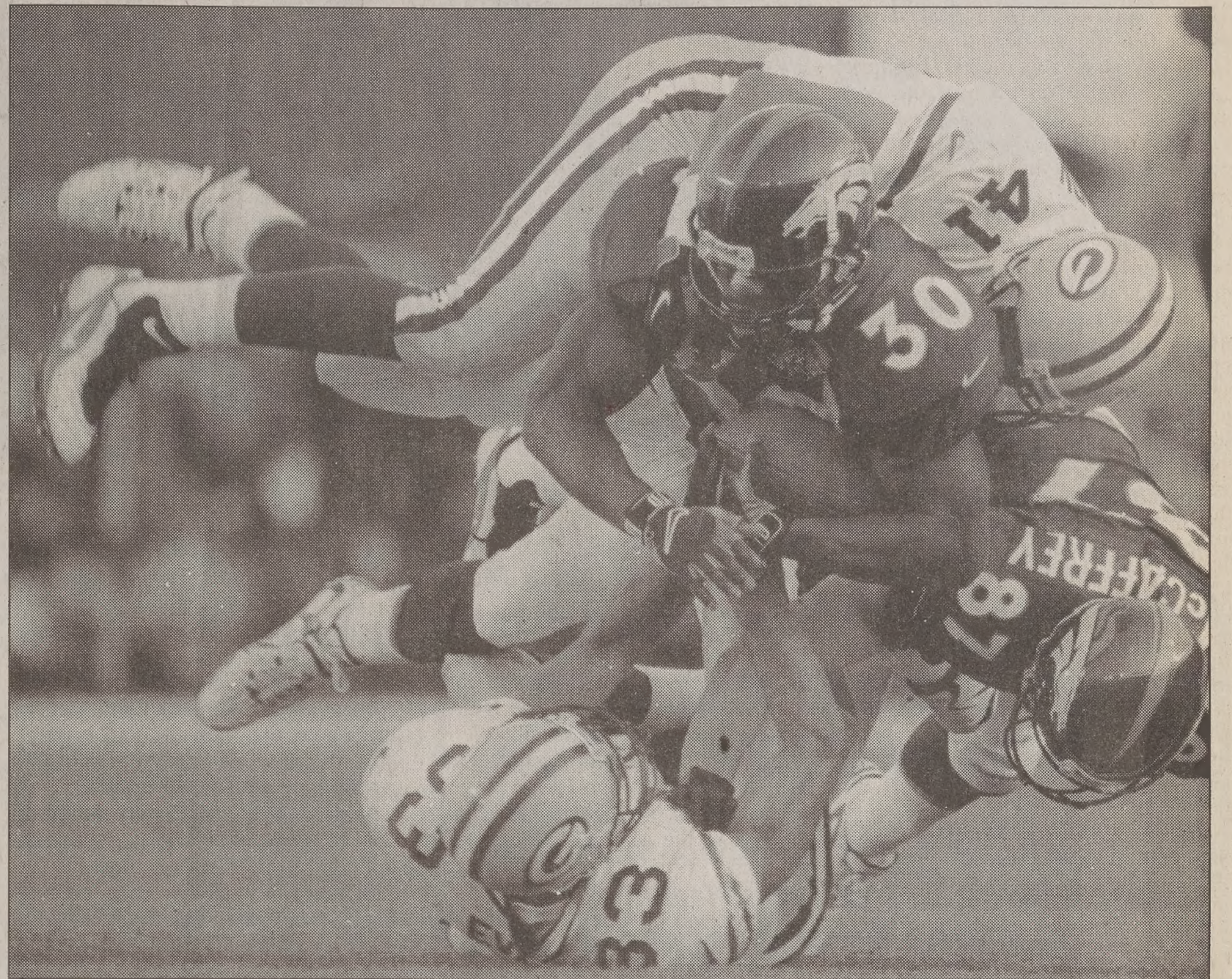
And finally, it was the first win for the quarterback class of 1983 that included Elway, Jim Kelly and Dan Marino.

"I knew it was a long time coming for him," Davis said of his quarterback.

The final chance for the defending champion Packers ended when John Mobley knocked down Brett Favre's pass from the Denver 31 with 28 seconds left. That made the two-touchdown underdog Broncos the second wild-card team to win the Super Bowl.

"They disrespected us all week," Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe said.

The Packers hurt themselves with three critical penalties late in the game. They included a holding call



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Denver's Terrell Davis (30) is brought down by the Packers' Eugene Robinson (41) and Doug Evans (33) during the first quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl. Davis was named the game's MVP.

and a false start on rookie left tackle Ross Verba that bottled Green Bay deep, and a face mask on Darius Holland that gave the Broncos 15 key yards on their game-winning 49-yard drive.

But nonetheless, it was Elway's game.

"In kind of a strange way, I've always enjoyed (Elway)," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. "I just wished he hadn't done it against me."

Elway scrambled 8 yards to set up a touchdown, and scored on a 1-yard run — a lot like the young Elway. He finished 12-of-22 for 122 yards and threw one end-zone interception.

If this wasn't the best Super Bowl ever, it was close to it, despite a lot of sloppiness — 15 penalties and five turnovers by the two teams.

But otherwise, it was two heavyweights going punch for punch — Favre threw for three TDs, two to Antonio Freeman, and Davis ran for three.

Each team scored a touchdown on its first possession, the first time that's ever happened in a Super Bowl.

Then Denver jumped to a 17-7 lead before a 17-play, 95-yard drive by the Packers, second longest in Super Bowl history. That cut it to 17-14 at halftime and Green Bay seemed to

have momentum.

But Elway engineered a 92-yard drive of his own to give the Broncos a 24-17 lead. Then, after Elway threw the interception, the Packers went 85 yards in just four plays to tie it.

The third quarter did not start well for Denver.

Davis fumbled on his first carry of the second half, and Brian Williams recovered at the Denver 26.

That led to Ryan Longwell's 27-yard field goal that tied it at 17.

Late in the third quarter, the Broncos moved nearly the length of the field on 13 plays for a touchdown on Davis' 1-yard run.



Michael Brandy/Daily Universe

Anderton drives around an Air Force defender in the 60-60 victory over the Falcons Saturday at the Marriott. The win was BYU's third consecutive WAC win.

## Cougars stop Falcons; Anderton hits eight threes

LEA LEINENBACH

Sports Writer

The men's basketball team had a season and school record entertaining fans in the Marriott on Saturday night. The Cougars beat Air Force by a final score of 103-60.

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## Air Force shoots down BYU

WAM WHITTEN

Sports Writer

The Cougars shot a respectable 45 percent from the field and 40 percent from behind the three point arc. BYU came into the game off back-to-back sub-30 percent shooting performances.

"They wanted it more than we did," coach Steve Cleveland said. "We had no energy and we were as careless with the basketball as I have ever seen us."

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# Wrestlers pound hapless Portland St.

By STEVE SHAW  
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU wrestling team flexed its muscles as they dominated the mat Friday night, with a 39-9 victory over the Portland State Vikings.

The Cougars started strong with Jose Enriquez getting three takedowns in the first round to lead to a 12-5 victory in the 118-pound class. Enriquez was the WAC freshman of the year last year.

Senior John Kelly continued the domination by pinning his opponent with 16 seconds left in the second round to win the 126-pound class match. Kelly was the WAC champion last year and a 2-time NCAA tournament qualifier in his weight class.

After Portland State forfeited in the 134- and 142-pound matches, the Cougars took a 21-0 lead going into the 150-pound class match.

Gary Sanderson had two takedowns in the first round to lead to a 5-1 victory. Sanderson was the 1996 WAC champion and a former state champion in Utah.

Brett Gappmayer kept the shutout going into the 158-pound class by earning a 10-4 victory, with two takedowns in the first round.

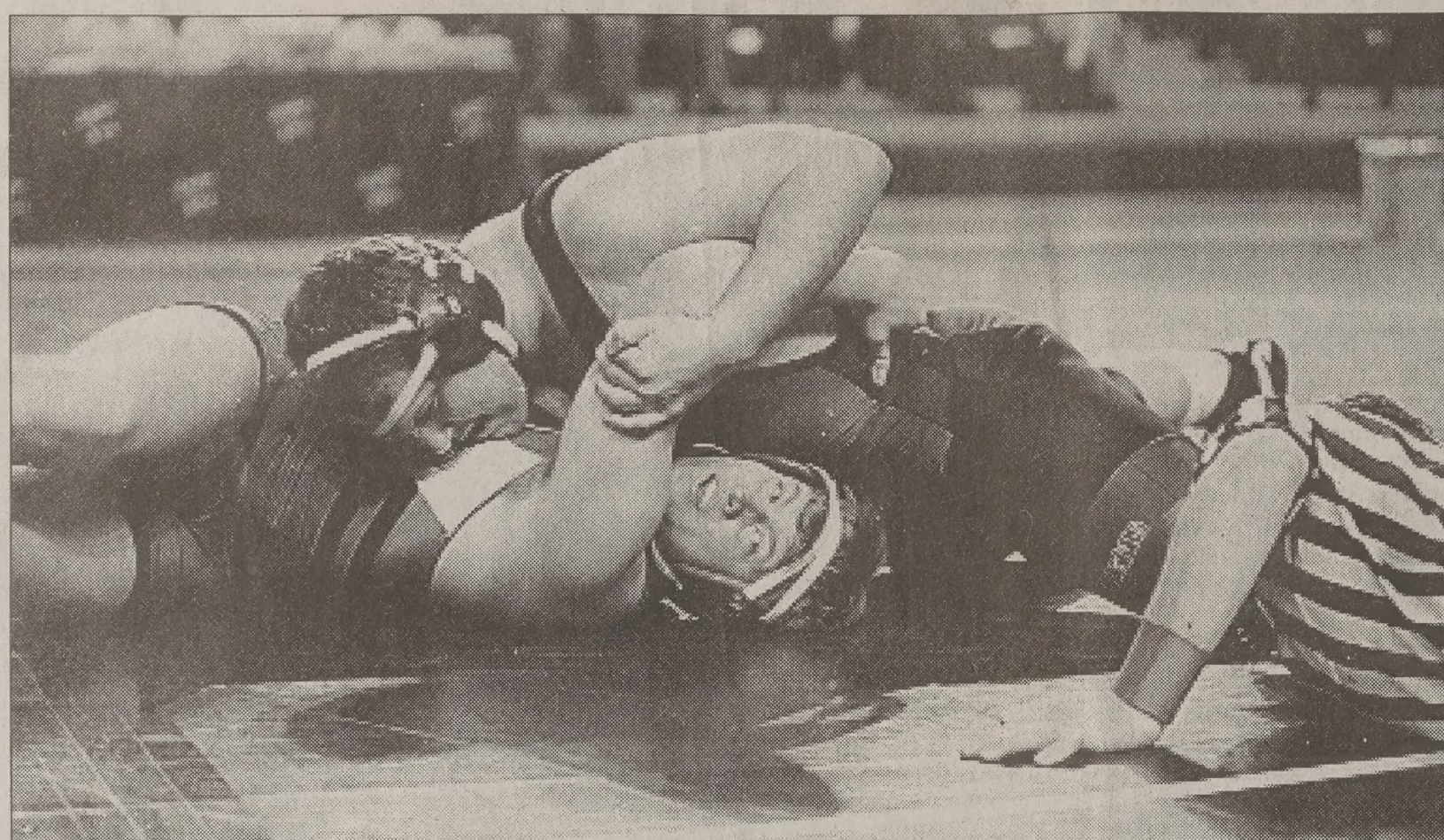
Jeremy Lott fought hard in the 167-pound class and got the crowd behind him in the match, but suffered a setback to R.J. Gillespie 15-8.

After both teams traded forfeits in the 177 and 190 pound class, the score was 33-3.

Heavyweight Chris Miller, last week's WAC wrestler of the week then stepped up and easily pinned his opponent in the first 58 seconds of his match to finish the scoring at 39-9.

Coach Mark Schultz was glad to face Portland State after their long road trip.

"We knew Portland State wouldn't



Pepper Nix/Daily Universe

BYU's Chris Miller, top, struggles for a pin on Portland State's Adam Thomas in their heavy-weight match Friday night at the Smith Fieldhouse. The Cougars downed the Vikings 39-9.

be strong because of the transition (from Division 1-AA to Division 1-A.) It's hard to recruit when you don't have a chance to go to the NCAA tournament," Schultz said.

This meet was also the last meet that assistant head coach Larry Nugent would be coaching. Nugent is leaving BYU to be the assistant to the director of USA Wrestling in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Nugent and his family was honored before the meet with a plaque in recognition for his outstanding effort in coaching the Cougars.

Nugent was instrumental in recruit-

ing the 5th and 8th ranked recruiting class for BYU the past two years.

Coach Mark Schultz said that Nugent would be missed, but that he has a great opportunity. "This is probably the greatest opportunity in the wrestling world," Schultz said.

Athletic Director Rondo Fehlberg was in attendance and was pleased with the effort of the Cougars.

"It's nice to see the program coming back," Fehlberg said. "We've had a good recruiting class and it shows."

The Cougars are now preparing for two tough meets this week versus Oregon and No. 5 Arizona State.

## Cougars spike alumni in two games

By ROMNEY M. STEWART  
Universe Sports Writer

It was Cougar versus ex-Cougar Saturday night, with the Cougars beating the alumni 15-7 and 15-9 in two games at the Smith Fieldhouse.

In game one, the score was 4-3 in favor of BYU when the Cougars got rolling and put the offense into high gear, reeling off points behind the power hitting of Ossie Antonetti, Ingo Lindemann and Ryan Millar. The alumni put points on the board from some kills by Scott Larkin and Kennan Vance.

In game two, Torry Tukuafu, from Heber City, and Adam "Zuff Daddy" Zuffinetti, from Plano, Texas, performed well, with each player scoring from blocks and putting down kills. Hector Lebron was the setter in game

two. He added a nice dink shot to the Cougars' win.

The alumni were led by Hugh McCutcheon, now an assistant coach for the current volleyball team.

Kennan Vance, a former Cougar who played last year, thought that there was a difference in this year's volleyball team and last year's team.

"This year's team has a lot more depth and experience than last year," Vance said. "In crunch time, the depth will take pressure off of just one or two guys that opponents would be able to focus on."

"The maturity that the team now has will take a big part out of dealing with problems on the road," Vance said.

Games three and four were intrasquad scrimmages, in which the Cougars divided into two teams, BYU No. 1 and BYU No. 2.

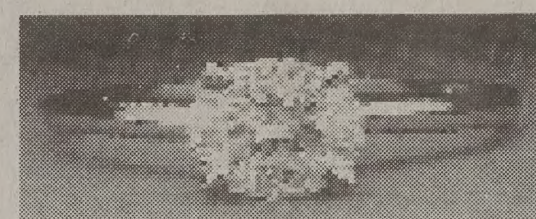
In game three, BYU No. 1 came out on top 15-7 with help from some nice blocks from Mac Wilson, from Palmdale, Calif. and setter Chris Pitzak from Yorba Linda, Calif.

In the final game, the other Cougar team, BYU No. 2, won by a score of 15-5 with Shane Van Beest scoring an ace and Richard Lambourne, from Tustin, Calif. throwing in a variety of hits going both cross-court and down the line.

The alumni game was one of the last opportunities for the Cougars to hone their skills before starting the season against Cal-State Northridge on Friday.

"It's fun to play against world-class players and guys that really have a lot of experience," said current Cougar volleyball player Chris Pitzak. "There's a good, positive vibe out on the court."

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# Divers take first at invitational

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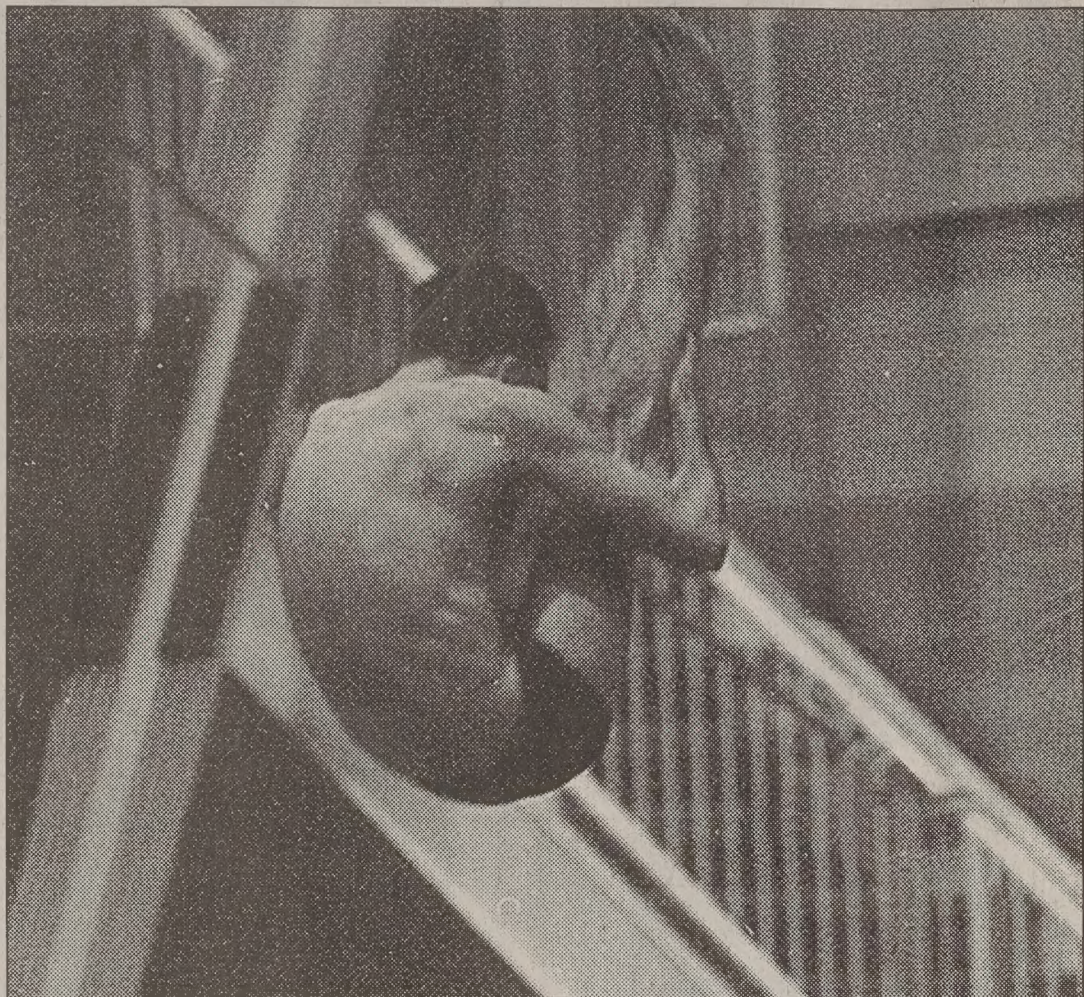
BYU divers came out on top in the 78th Annual BYU Invitational. The rotation included many of the best divers in the country. The team will face in Seattle for the national championships.

BYU's diving team took home a first place trophy and several of the team's individual divers grabbed top scores. The men's team won the women's one meter and three meter. Christina Conn took the women's one meter. Other winners included Ryan Porter, who took first in the men's one meter, and Matt Smith came in second in men's one meter. Freshman Justin Wilcox won the men's one meter overall.

The end result was positive for the Cougars, they faced some difficulty in Friday's portion of the invitational. Keith Russell said that, "the team did not feel quite as good as it could. The struggles could be attributed to the amount of diving we did over the course of the week."

As much as we did in the past few days, I was a little nervous about how well we were able to perform. I said, "I hope the team is in good luck to be able to finish the season well."

Coach Mako Sakamoto said this meet was good for the upcoming WAC season. "Our goal is to get there and do what we can actually do," Russell said. "The coach commented on the depth of the team, calling it 'three-pronged.' The team has veterans like Conn and Smith and is supplemented by up-and-coming divers like Jessica Nye and Wilcox. It also includes divers



Joel Hill/Daily Universe

Cougar diver Justin Wilcox gets some air during the BYU Invitational at the Richards Building pool Saturday. Wilcox took top individual honors as BYU finished first in the team competition.

who have recently returned from their missions like Porter and Dahl.

This weekend's invitational was the largest BYU has ever hosted. Russell said the meet's format is fun for the audience.

"Spectators can get a lot out of a short amount of time," he said. "BYU's men divers face three more teams before the WAC championship. The women face two more, including UNLV this weekend and the University of Utah next weekend."

# Gymnasts win Rocky Mtn. Open

KAREN DUFFIN  
Daily Universe Sports Writer

BYU's men's gymnastics team finished first in the Rocky Mountain Open, held in the Rocky Mountain region. The team's top performer was Matt Hammond, who placed first in the pommel horse.

The team's score of 226 is its best start ever. Sakamoto says the team still has room for improvement, but feels the team has a shot at making nationals.

"This is a really exciting time for men's gymnastics," Sakamoto said. "Matt Hammond, a senior member of the team, said the Cougars started the meet on a high and built from there."

finish on floor; Andrew Pileggi, with third on parallel bars; and Courtney Bramwell, Dustin Hill and Kenzo Koshimura, all coming home with fourth place finishes in vault, rings and pommel horse respectively.

This win should raise BYU's national ranking, which was 17th.

Coach Mako Sakamoto said the team was "fantastic" and worked hard. He called the meet "exciting." The team's score of 226 is its best start ever. Sakamoto says the team still has room for improvement, but feels the team has a shot at making nationals.

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Matt Hammond, a senior member of the team, said the Cougars started the meet on a high and built from there.

"It was amazing how the team stuck together," Hammond said.

He feels positive about the strong start to the team's season, but, like Coach Sakamoto, said there is always room for improvement. He got particular satisfaction from beating Oklahoma and Nebraska and thinks those teams will be looking for revenge.

Olsson, said that, although the season is looking good right now, it is always hard to tell what the future holds.

"Although you try hard, injuries can happen," Olsson said. "If everyone stays healthy, it should be our best year."

The Cougars will compete next Feb. 7 against Arizona State and New Mexico.

# Arizona State takes one from women gymnasts

DAVE HERSAM  
Daily Universe Sports Writer

BYU's women's gymnasts struggled in their first meet of the season, finishing with a low score of 180.0. The team lost to the Beavers in a low-score tiebreaker.

"We had managed to win with a low score, it would have been only a moral victory and not a real win for much," BYU head coach Cattermole said.

Cattermole said that he couldn't remember the team having this poor of a meet in the last seven or eight years, but also said that he's not overly concerned.

The average of six meet scores: each team's two best scores at home, two best scores away and two other top scores from anywhere. Early-season scores are generally not a team's best.

Senior co-captain Angela Andersen said that although BYU has traditionally started off slowly and improved later in the season, a first-meet score this low has her a bit worried.

"I hope that everyone understands now how important it is to step up, hit our routines and be consistent," she said.

Cattermole said that he couldn't remember the team having this poor of a meet in the last seven or eight years, but also said that he's not overly concerned.

"We can do a lot better," he said.

"There were a lot of goofy mistakes that we can avoid."

On the floor, which was the Cougars' lowest scoring event at 45.700, Andersen said it seemed that people just weren't giving 100 percent.

"After not doing so well on the bars, we did pretty well on the vault and then seemed to let down our guard and maybe relax a bit," she said. "Instead of trying to hit each routine, we seemed to be thinking, 'Let's see how this goes.'"

Before the team left Provo for Friday's meet, Cattermole told the gymnasts to have fun without being funny. Now he says that instead of being a character, each gymnast will need to show some.

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The Cougars dropped to 6-13 overall, 1-4 in the WAC.

Air Force (8-7, 1-4) had not beaten BYU in nine years.

BYU desperately needed a win at Air Force to position itself for a run at the WAC tournament. The Cougars are currently tied with the Falcons for last place in the WAC's Mountain Division, but sit only one game behind four teams in third place.

"This was a game we should have won," Cougar guard Lance Archibald said. "Coach said for the first time this year it seemed like another team wanted it more than we did."

Danny Bower led the Cougars in scoring with 16.

Mekeli Wesley had 13 points and Ron Selleaze notched his second consecutive double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Falcons were paced by Mike Freeman's 17-point, nine-rebound effort. Pope, averaging just 5.6 points per contest entering the game, finished with 15 points.

"I have never got upset with this team when we've lost," Cleveland said. "But we got beat to every loose ball and rebound during the last 15 minutes."

On a positive note, Mekeli Wesley and Justin Weidauer, who had both disappeared in recent games, gave strong performances for the Cougars.

Weidauer scored 11 points, though all of his scoring came in the first half.

The Cougars' defense sparked the team early in the first half. BYU switched to a diamond-and-one to try and slow down the Falcons leading scorer, Jarmica Reese. Reese entered the game averaging a WAC-leading 3.4 three-point field goals a game. The defense proved to be very successful, as the Cougars held Reese to 13 points for the game.

BYU's defense, in turn, helped the Cougars offensively. Archibald and Weidauer each made a three-pointer, and Wesley's lay-up and free-throw helped put the Cougars ahead 25-21 after a 13-0 run.

A 15-4 Falcons run broke open a game that had been tight early. The Falcons hit three three-pointers during the spurt to build a 21-12 lead.

Danny Bower came out hot from the start, nailing two three-point shots in the first four minutes of the game. He made three three-pointers in the first half, including one running jump shot to beat the shot clock.

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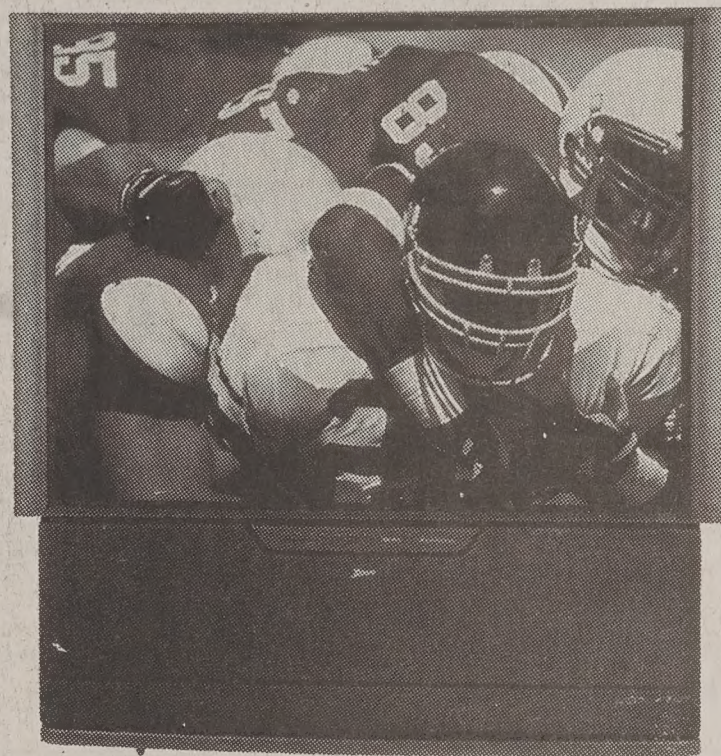
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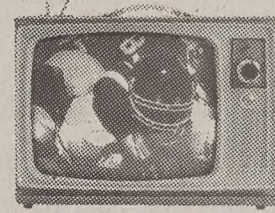
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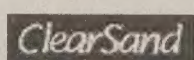
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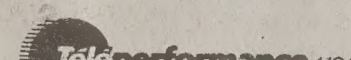
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# Nuclear power debated: waste, health defects concerns

By TOVE I.S. GERHARDSEN  
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The amount of waste produced by nuclear power is the least of any major energy production process, but the short- and long-term health effects of possible accidents can be devastating.

According to the Nuclear Energy Information Center's website, many people agree that the world's population needs every energy source it can get — including nuclear power — since energy demands will likely continue to increase.

However, the effects that nuclear power may have on the environment and people's health has been, and still is, a source of an ongoing debate.

The advantages of nuclear power are many, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute: The waste is more compact than other sources and is thus easily transported, there are no greenhouse or acid rain effects and nuclear power is less expensive per megawatt of power produced.

Disadvantages include resolving the problem of long-term, high-level waste storage, and the fact that the more nuclear energy is produced, the more waste is produced that is potentially harmful to the environment and human life if not stored properly.

Valerie Hudson, a professor in the Political Science Department at BYU,

said that even though fossil fuel is not good for the environment, there are still a couple of things that worry her concerning nuclear power.

Hudson referred to the problems in management of the nuclear plants and how they may be targets for terrorists. She also worries about waste.

"We don't have a very good system for deposit of waste. ... They may do the best they can, but it is not the best it is."

— Valerie Hudson,  
a professor in the BYU  
Political Science Department

Another problem is the lack of information among people concerning the consequences of nuclear waste.

"We will be learning more in the future," she said.

Arguments about the effects of nuclear power on the environment can work for both parties in the discussion.

According to the Nuclear Energy Information Center, Uranium-235 is the isotope of uranium that is used in nuclear reactors, and it can produce

3.7 million times as much energy as the same amount of coal.

A Megawatt-reactor consumes two metric tons of Uranium-235 over a one-and-a-half-year period, compared to the train of 89 to 100 coal cars required to operate a coal plant of the same output.

Coal as an energy source for one million kilowatt-hours would produce 240 metric tons of ash and over four million tons of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides would be released

to the environment, according to the Nuclear Energy Information Center.

Another argument for the use of nuclear power is the question where electrical power is to come from if nuclear power is eliminated, and how much of a cost increase the customer is willing to pay.

According to the Nuclear Energy Information Center, in the case of the Chernobyl nuclear-plant accident, which took place in the former Soviet Union in 1986, 31 people died as a result of the accident and another 137

were treated for acute radiation.

The phenomenon of cell death caused by high-level radiation was the responsible factor for the early deaths in the Chernobyl accident, according to the website.

With low doses, human cellular repair mechanisms compensate for damages, but new cell growth may be defective, leading to cancer or congenital defects in future children of victims.

The Nuclear Energy Institute's web site discusses the health effects suffered in the areas around Chernobyl, but reports that such effects have been difficult to document because contamination was scattered irregularly across the surrounding countryside by weather conditions.

In fact, the United Kingdom and some Nordic countries were forced to place limitations on sheep, reindeer and fish because of the lakes, rivers

and then precipitation that was contaminated by Chernobyl radiation.

Also, because many of the people living near the plant have no medical records, it's difficult to distinguish between health conditions related directly to the accident and those that were previously existing or inherited.

Based on screening programs, though, an increased incidence of thyroid cancer has been firmly established among children who drank contaminated milk following the accident.

A cancer study released in 1997 on atomic bomb tests in the 1950s shows a more definite health risk. According to The New York Times, the study predicted an increase in thyroid cancer of 2 to 20 percent above normal. The study was conducted by The National Cancer Institute and the 115,000-page report was produced over a period of 14 years.

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## Orem hospital joins health care market

By MICHAEL WARD  
Universe Staff Writer

The market for Utah County health care has just become more competitive.

Columbia Timpanogos Regional Hospital, 800 N. 750 West in Orem, conducted an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for corporate sponsors and media.

Timpanogos Regional becomes the second Orem hospital. The Orem Community Hospital has been in existence now for around 15 years.

Chris Coons of Intermountain Health Care Utah County Services said IHC thinks competition is healthy.

"People like choice, and we love competition," Coons said.

Jacque Brown, public relations director at Columbia Timpanogos Regional Hospital, said the competition will help the community.

"It creates the first network of competition in Utah County, which before has not existed," Brown said.

Coons said IHC works very closely with Columbia Mountain View Hospital in Payson and anticipates building the same ties with Timpanogos Regional.

IHC and Columbia will be competing on quality of clinical services, cost effectiveness, access and service mentality, Coons said.

"People will have the ability to try some different things and choose what makes sense for them," Coons said.

Timpanogos Regional Hospital's Chief Financial Officer Kent Tarbet said population increase is the reason for a new facility in Orem.

"Orem City feels like they need a full service hospital that does everything, so that's why we're here," Tarbet said.

Brown said because of growth in population, there will be plenty of work for all Utah County hospitals.

"There are more babies born in Utah County than any other county in the country," Brown said.

Orem Junior High School and

Central Elementary in Pleasant Grove have created a partnership with Timpanogos Regional. Both schools sent representatives to present the new hospital various gifts of thanks for the partnership.

"Even before Columbia Timpanogos Regional Hospital was opened, they were willing and wanting to help us out and help people in the community who need them most," said JoAnna Meacham, a teacher at Central Elementary School.

Meacham, a fifth-grade teacher, said Central Elementary is comprised of low-income families with special needs, and Columbia has helped provide more possibilities for learning in their school.

Debbie Walls, resource teacher at Central Elementary, said Columbia has provided materials, financial help and helped arrange media coverage for a special student program in their school.

"Our children were on TV and in the newspapers for doing something right," Walls said.

Both IHC and Columbia officials said the community is first priority in a health care organization.

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**32** Haying machine  
**33** Droop  
**36** Evasive answer #2  
**40** — gratia artis  
**41** Nonsecular types  
**42** Jason's ship  
**43** Members of a chess line  
**44** Rough, as terrain  
**46** "Thank you for  
**49** Author Rand  
**50** Gopher Ernie  
**51** Founder of the Soviet Union

**52** Plot of land  
**54** Evasive answer #3  
**60** Capri, e.g.  
**61** Detroit products  
**62** Florida city  
**63** — do-well  
**64** Overpublicize  
**65** "I understand!"

**DOWN**  
**1** "Bali —"  
**2** Entirely  
**3** TV actor Gerard  
**4** Does film work  
**5** Warm up, as food  
**6** Thick  
**7** Garden tool  
**8** White ghost  
**9** Internet  
**10** Deepest azure  
**11** Gate holder  
**12** Knot  
**13** Knot again  
**16** "Picnic" planner  
**19** Obstinate  
**22** Scent  
**23** TV actor Burton  
**24** "Hamlet" and "Macbeth"  
**26** Mild, as weather  
**27** Neighborhood  
**29** Priestly garb  
**30** Playbill listings  
**32** Existence

**33** Suit material  
**34** Broadway backer  
**35** Merchandise  
**37** "Seinfeld" lady  
**38** Open wide  
**39** Base in baseball  
**43** First-grade book  
**44** Pitcher Nolan  
**45** Clear, as a drain  
**46** Killed

**47** German Hermann  
**48** Leg joint  
**49** Get up  
**52** Canvas cover  
**53** Mexican sandwich  
**55** Oh, in Heidelberg  
**56** — Men's Health Crisis  
**57** Tit for —  
**58** Yalie  
**59** Stinker

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## FORUM | Tuesday, January 27, 11 a.m., Marriott Center

**Dr. Larry C. Porter**  
BYU Professor of Church History

**"Brigham Young: 'The Man for the Hour Will Be Ready Whenever the Hour Strikes'"**

Dr. Larry C. Porter earned his BA degree in history from Utah State University and MA and PhD degrees from BYU in the history of religion (specifically, LDS Church history). After serving for 11 years as a Church seminaries and institutes instructor, principal, and district coordinator, he joined BYU's faculty in 1970. Professor Porter has served as chair of the Department of Church History and Doctrine for seven years and as director of the Church history area of the Religious Studies Center, also for seven years.

He has been a co-editor for *Truth Will Prevail*, a history of the Saints in the British Isles. He has also co-edited *The Prophet Joseph: Essays on the Life and Mission of Joseph Smith and Lion of the Lord: Essays on the Life and Service of Brigham Young*. He served on the editorial board of the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* and is currently an associate editor of *BYU Studies*. Dr. Porter has been a contributing writer in a variety of books and authored numerous articles for the *Ensign*, *New Era*, *Church News*, *BYU Studies*, *Regional Studies in Church History*, and *New York History*.

Professor Porter has traveled extensively in connection with his research, and he lived for a year at the Martin Harris Farm in Palmyra, New York. He has researched early Church history during successive summers in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, California, Canada, and Great Britain.

Brother Porter has been a bishop and has served on the Provo Utah North Stake high council. He was a member of the Church's Correlation Review Committee for 11 years, serving as its chair for part of that time.

In his address, Professor Porter will concentrate on the historical aspects of Brigham Young, which he has researched extensively, leaving the doctrinal components of President Young's ministry to the personal study of the forum audience. Professor Porter states, "I believe that knowing something of how the man was made might prove insightful. Together we will investigate significant historical components associated with his birth, conversion, and ministry during this rare era in the growth and development of God's earthly kingdom."

A question-and-answer session will be held at 12 noon in the Marriott Center Cougar Room.



# New U.S. stamp commemorates winter sports

By ANGELA REEVES  
Universe Staff Writer

A new winter stamp made its national debut in Salt Lake City Thursday night.

A variety of honored guests joined together at the Little America Hotel Thursday night for the unveiling of the U.S. postage stamp commemorating winter sports.

The new stamp honors alpine skiing by portraying a downhill skier as its logo.

"The winter sports stamp is a timely tribute to skiers young and old," said U.S. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

"As the heavy snows of winter blanket regions of North America, we are proud to issue a stamp honoring one of the world's most challenging and competitive sports."

Over 500 people were in attendance for the banquet unveiling the stamp.

Deputy Postmaster General Michael Coughlin was present to dedicate and unveil the new stamp with the help of Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini.

In his dedication, Coughlin recognized alpine skiing as an essential part of American culture.

"With winter snow blanketing many regions of North America, the winter sports stamp is a timely tribute to the more than 9 million active skiers — young and old — in the United States," he said.

Among the honored guests in attendance were Olympians Heidi Volker, Holly Flanders and Bill Marolt.

U.S. Postal Service manager for the Salt Lake District, Stephen Johnson, was also there to honor the national sport that unites families.

"In Utah we take our winter sports seriously," Johnson said. "Whether it's an Olympic downhill skier negotiating a steep slope, or a father and daughter sledding down a hill, winter sports help to bring our nation and our families

closer together."

Local postmasters were on hand at the banquet to sell the newly issued stamp with special cancels.

**"With winter snow blanketing many regions of North America, the winter sports stamp is a timely tribute to ... skiers in the United States."**

— Michael Coughlin,  
deputy postmaster general



Courtesy USPS

# Israeli-Palestinian relations strained over disagreements

Associated Press

JERICHO, West Bank — With the peace process stalemated despite a U.S. push, Yasser Arafat's chief negotiator said Sunday that direct contacts and trust between Palestinians and Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu had broken down completely.

"Mr. Netanyahu has no more cards to play," Saeb Erekat told reporters.

Erekat also said the Palestinians would agree to international arbitration in the wake of continuing disagreement over each side's outstanding obligations. Israel rejected the idea.

Meanwhile, the Israeli daily Haaretz reported that the United States is working on a proposal for Israel to pull out of 12 percent of the West Bank in three stages over an 80-day period in return for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants.

Netanyahu and Arafat both met with President Clinton in Washington last week to try to bridge gaps over implementing last year's U.S.-backed agreement, in which Israel pledged three more troop pullbacks in the West Bank by mid-1998.

The scope of each withdrawal was never specified, and Israel disagrees with the Palestinians' interpretation that the agreement means their autonomy — which covers 27 percent of the West Bank — must expand to nine-tenths of the territory.

Furthermore, Israel also believes its deviations from the accord pale beside the Palestinians' failure to prevent terrorist attacks that killed more than two dozen Israelis last year. Israel has compiled a 12-page list of Palestinian violations of the agreement.

Israel has been on alert for a Hamas terrorist attack for days. Sunday night, police set up roadblocks outside Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and were stopping suspicious cars, causing traffic jams.

Israel has reportedly offered a single 10 percent pullback, instead of the three pullbacks. Netanyahu told his Cabinet Sunday that Israel and the United States were still at odds over the percentage.

It was not clear whether the new U.S. proposal would be seen as constituting all three pullbacks that Israel owes.

Haaretz said U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is expected to raise the proposal with Netanyahu and Arafat in upcoming meetings.

Quoting Israeli and Palestinian sources, the newspaper said Albright would propose that Israel carry out the first withdrawal immediately, regardless of Palestinian actions.

Top Netanyahu aide David Bar-Illan denied there was any such proposal and said Israel would never agree to a pullback before the Palestinians took action.

Arafat adviser Marwan Kanafani said the Palestinians had heard such ideas from the Americans and were considering them. He said Arafat would meet with Albright in two weeks.

After months of foot-dragging, relations between the two sides are badly strained, and Arafat even warned recently that the result could be a renewed Palestinian uprising against Israel.

"The trust level between us and Mr. Netanyahu doesn't exist," Erekat said in Jericho. "We don't have any bilateral negotiations with Mr. Netanyahu."

He added that the Palestinians are willing to accept international arbitration.

Bar-Illan said that in principle Israel could agree to arbitration "if we really feel that the impasse is unresolvable ... but we do not believe this."

An Israeli Cabinet statement Sunday warned that "Israel will respond aggressively should the Palestinians engage in violence or threaten to do so."

Israel is also demanding the Palestinians annul sections of the Palestine Liberation Organization's charter that call for Israel's destruction, maintaining that Palestinians never followed through on a 1996

vote by the Palestine National Council to amend the document.

Kanafani said Sunday that the PLO's executive committee would meet to confirm the 1996 decision.

Meanwhile, Jewish settlers said Sunday they have begun renovating 18 homes in the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, aiming to move Jewish families into them by April.

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